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4 Commissioner Filkins Webber

5 Commissioner Blanco

6 Commissioner Miller

7 Commissioner Forbes

8 Commissioner Aguirre

9 Commissioner Barabba

10 Commissioner Dai

11 Commissioner DiGuilio

12 Commissioner Galambos Malloy

13 Commissioner Ontai

14 Commissioner Parvenu

15 Commissioner Raya

16 Commissioner Ward

17 Commissioner Yao

18 Commissioner Ancheta

19 Commissioner Johnston

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MAY 28, 2011 9:22 A.M.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well,
welcome to the Saturday meeting of the Citizens
Redistricting Commission with our giving
directions to our line drawers, and we got a
really full day, and to make sure we spend most of
it working, we're going to skip over all the
introductions and things of that nature, because
everything is being recorded and everybody knows
who's here.

But we do have to take a roll call.
And so would you do that, Janeece.

MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre?

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Here.

MS. SARGIS: Ancheta?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Here.

MS. SARGIS: Barabba?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Here.

MS. SARGIS: Blanco?

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Here.

MS. SARGIS: Dai?

COMMISSIONER DAI: Here.

MS. SARGIS: DiGuilio?

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Here.

1 MS. SARGIS: Filkins-Webber?
2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Here.
3 MS. SARGIS: Forbes?
4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Here.
5 MS. SARGIS: Galambos-Malloy?
6 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:
7 Here.
8 MS. SARGIS: Ontai?
9 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Here.
10 MS. SARGIS: Parvenu?
11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Here.
12 MS. SARGIS: Raya?
13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Here.
14 MS. SARGIS: Ward?
15 COMMISSIONER WARD: Here.
16 MS. SARGIS: Yao?
17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Here.
18 MS. SARGIS: We have a quorum.
19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.
20 So are the line drawers ready for the discussion?
21 MS. MACDONALD: We are ready.
22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh. Okay.
23 So we should do a little overview of the agenda.
24 We'll let the vice chair do that.
25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: This

1 is mostly for the public watching at home. I know
2 many of the commissioners have a sense of what to
3 expect today. We are going to pick up where we
4 left off yesterday.

5 We have one additional Section 5
6 area that we need to address. Mr. Brown is here
7 with us from Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, our V.R.A.
8 counsel.

9 Immediately following that, we
10 would like to focus our energies for the morning
11 on the L.A. area, looking at -- first at the
12 Section 2, potential Section 2 districts, and then
13 other outstanding issues related to the L.A. area.

14 We would like to get through L.A.
15 by the time we break for lunch. Lunch will be
16 delivered around 12:30. We'll take a break and
17 then we're going to come back and look at
18 geography for the rest of the state.

19 So the majority of today is going
20 to be mapping. If we have time towards the end of
21 the day, we have a handful of outstanding
22 discussion items. If we don't get to them today,
23 they will be on the agenda for our June 1st and
24 2nd meeting.

25 I think that's it.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you
2 very much.

3 Good morning, commissioners. I
4 have one clarification on -- on the line-up for
5 today. The Section 5 area will actually be toward
6 the end of the day, because that's in Tamina's
7 mapping region, and Tamina is still working on the
8 directions that you gave her yesterday.

9 So we're going to talk about the
10 Bay Area region and the Monterey area, which of
11 course is a Section 5 county, toward the end of
12 the day.

13 So we're now here and very happy to
14 have Mr. Brown here, because we're going to move
15 into L.A. right away and, of course, there is a
16 lot of Section 2 -- there are a lot of Section 2
17 issues in -- in L.A.

18 And the way we thought this might
19 work is that Nicole is going to walk you through
20 the various districts and kind of explain how --
21 how they were drawn. These are districts that --
22 that were drawn and discussed and overseen by
23 Mr. Brown and his team.

24 And I guess we we'll just start
25 with the San Gabriel seat. So she's going to

1 just -- just in -- in terms of what's on the
2 screen here right now, this is a dot density map,
3 and if this ever gets too busy or too confusing
4 for you, you can ask us to take that -- that
5 particular theme off.

6 Nicole thought it was -- it's --
7 it's a good way to look at L.A., because there is
8 such an incredible density and -- and there is,
9 you know, everybody's living very closely
10 together, but you also see concentrations of -- of
11 the -- the various races and ethnicities when you
12 have this.

13 So what you have here is the blue
14 dots are Latinos, the orange dots are whites,
15 green is blacks, and red is Asians.

16 So just -- so if you have any
17 questions about how to translate these colors,
18 please just ask us, because it's just --

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I -- I would
20 just suggest that the distinction between the --
21 the Asian and the white might be kind of hard to
22 see.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So at some
25 point you might want to think about a different --

1 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we'll try to
2 fix it. It's -- it's kind of difficult because
3 all the -- all of these overhead systems are all
4 different, so you set them up on the -- you know,
5 on your computer and you always have to adjust
6 them and that can actually take a little time.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
8 Forbes.

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: My question
10 is: Are we able to display only a single color at
11 a time, so we can sort of see where the different
12 areas are? (Inaudible.)

13 No, no. I mean just as -- I mean,
14 the dots are fine.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Just show
16 the Asian as --

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Just the
18 Latino dot or just the Asian dot?

19 MS. MACDONALD: You could -- we
20 could do that as well, yes.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank
22 you.

23 MS. MACDONALD: So what we also
24 have on -- on this map is the city boundaries, and
25 we have the names of the cities. If anyone can't

1 read something, please just ask me, and I'll read
2 them off.

3 What we also have on is in the
4 black box in the center of this highlighted
5 district, which is the district we want to talk --
6 talk about first, is the -- so that's the total
7 deviation from an assembly district. So we're
8 starting with assembly districts.

9 So 818 there is basically the
10 deviation, so this means that that district is 818
11 people overpopulated. In terms of percent -- the
12 first one is deviation -- yeah, the first one is
13 deviation, so that's 0.18 percent.

14 The next number you have there is
15 Latino C.V.A.P., so it's Latino C.V.A.P. 26.2
16 percent, the next one is black C.V.A.P. 48.8
17 percent, and then Asian C.V.A.P. at 1.1 percent.

18 So that is the way that all of
19 these boxes are -- are arranged.

20 (Inaudible.)

21 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. My
22 apologies. Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Excuse me.
24 We really cannot be talking to each other, because
25 it messes up the microphone, and so let's really

1 keep the mumbling to ourselves.

2 We're going to get a correction
3 here, I take it.

4 MS. MACDONALD: I'm sorry.
5 Different mappers, one brain. Okay. So it -- it
6 is -- so first is deviation and then it's Latino,
7 black -- Asian, black. Latino, Asian, black. My
8 apologies. I'm going to write this down.

9 Okay. So with that confusing
10 overview, I'm going to just hand this to Nicole,
11 who -- who will basically describe the -- the
12 process. In general you should know that the
13 mapping strategy here is to look at all of the
14 criteria that we have under Propositions 11 and --
15 as well as 20.

16 So we look -- when you're mapping,
17 you look really at everything at the same time.
18 You look to keep cities and counties whole as much
19 as you can. Of course, in L.A. that's a bit of a
20 problem to keep the county whole or the city whole
21 for that matter.

22 And -- and this, of course, is also
23 how city splits happen. You know, people think of
24 city splits as, you know, cities that don't really
25 have to be split, but sometimes a whole city has

1 to be split within, and that, of course,
2 contributes to your city split numbers later when
3 you see a report.

4 But, you know, we look at city and
5 county splits, we -- we look at keeping, you know,
6 testimony in terms of communities of interest in
7 mind. Obviously, your directions of -- of what
8 you want us to -- which direction you want us to
9 take and the preferences that -- that you have
10 given us are all over this map.

11 And -- but also these are Section 2
12 areas, of course, so we were working with V.R.A.
13 counsel, and you recall that in the wrap-up for
14 L.A., you know, so my cautionary flag went up
15 every two minutes or so in talking about that
16 any -- any recommendation you just made or any
17 decision you made was really subject to evaluating
18 everything under the Voting Rights Act.

19 So let's start with -- with this
20 first district, and Nicole is just going to
21 describe it.

22 MS. BOYLE: This is the West San
23 Gabriel Valley Assembly District. It's mostly
24 based on the C.O.I. testimony that we received.
25 It keeps together South Pasadena, San Marino, San

1 Gabriel, the city under this label, which is
2 Alhambra, Temple City, East San Gabriel, Arcadia,
3 Mayflower Village, North El Monte. It splits
4 parts of El Monte and it only includes part of it.
5 I can show you how it's split.

6 Okay. It also includes Rosemead,
7 Monterey Park, South San Gabriel, and I -- and
8 South San Gabriel, for a district that is -- has a
9 .18 percent deviation, is 26 percent Latino
10 C.V.A.P., 49 percent Asian C.V.A.P., and 1 percent
11 black C.V.A.P.

12 MS. MACDONALD: So -- okay, so --
13 so -- so this is basically a seat that at this
14 point is very close to a Section 2 seat for
15 Asians. And Mr. Brown actually suggested that we
16 start with this particular -- with this particular
17 district.

18 We -- we have since this iteration
19 looked at this -- looked at this particular seat a
20 little bit more closely, and that can be turned
21 into a -- a 50 percent Asian C.V.A.P. seat, so
22 this can be turned into a -- a more solid seat.

23 (Inaudible.)

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, please.

25 MR. BROWN: So a brief comment on

1 this area. I -- I suggested that we start with
2 the Asian group first, because there's one area of
3 focus in L.A. County, and so decisions about that
4 matter.

5 So briefly reviewing what we
6 discussed yesterday, this is a geographically
7 compact minority group that's protected under the
8 federal Voting Rights Act that has a minimum
9 estimated C.V.A.P. of 48.8 percent.

10 In my view, the Commission should
11 strongly consider whether to draw this district as
12 a majority/minority district subject to some
13 additional analysis, and I think there are two
14 paths in the additional analysis.

15 One path is consider evidence on
16 racially polarized voting. And, you know, that
17 will be a few weeks at a minimum from now.

18 The other path that I think should
19 be considered for this and many of the other
20 districts is how successful were the mappers in
21 using the other criteria in drawing this district?
22 And I would ask, for example: Are there any city
23 splits in here? Was any community of interest
24 testimony used? And if so, what -- what is the
25 evidence of the community of interest?

1 So in other words, if the district
2 consists wholly of whole cities, you might not
3 need to do a lot of additional work to get
4 comfortable with your bases for drawing that
5 district.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
7 Yao and then Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

8 COMMISSIONER YAO: The question is
9 is did we split El Monte in this particular map,
10 the City of El Monte?

11 MS. MACDONALD: Pardon?

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: Did we split the
13 City of El Monte in this particular region --

14 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, it is --

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: -- district?

16 MS. MACDONALD: It is split.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: And the
18 rationale for the split is?

19 MS. BOYLE: That was to -- for
20 population deviation reasons. It's too large to
21 fully go into the district.

22 MS. MACDONALD: And I should tell
23 you -- I should clarify something. The numbers
24 above the city labels are actually voting age
25 population, and we're going to change that to

1 total population. So this is not -- so we're
2 going to put total pop on there on the -- right
3 above the city level so you see what the
4 population is actually of the cities.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
6 Filkins-Webber.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: In
8 looking at the numbers for El Monte, is the 64.15,
9 is that Latino? I'm sorry, Ms. MacDonald.

10 MS. MACDONALD: I'm really sorry.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
12 That's all right. On the numbers on El Monte
13 where it says 64.15, is that Latino?

14 MS. MACDONALD: Correct. That is
15 Latino and that's voting age population.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.
17 So in light of what Mr. Brown had said about
18 consideration of the additional C.O.I. testimony
19 that we received, I do recall El Monte not wanting
20 to be split and -- and also some consideration of
21 being joined with the foothill mountain regions.

22 I'm wondering where your
23 consideration was for the possibility of this
24 possibly rising to a 50 percent major --
25 minority -- minority district for Asians, and then

1 my question for Mr. Brown is: Should we be
2 looking to do that?

3 And my concern is always when we're
4 looking for people to add to increase that, you
5 know, I'm always worried about whether or not
6 we're -- we're packing.

7 MR. BROWN: I think it's important
8 to remember that the minimum estimated C.V.A.P. is
9 48.8 percent, so one consideration is whether Q2
10 can look at that more closely and give a better
11 estimate for that number, because if it's over 50
12 percent based on the existing district as drawn,
13 then that's something to consider.

14 The reason I asked about city
15 splits is because to the extent you can draw
16 districts using the other criteria, you've lowered
17 your litigation risk.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
19 Forbes, then Commissioner DiGuilio.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Can you --
21 can you tell me how much of El Monte is cut out?

22 MS. BOYLE: Yes.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. And also, may
24 I -- excuse me, Commissioner Filkins-Webber. The
25 reason for why El Monte is split, despite the fact

1 that there was C.O.I. testimony that they really
2 wanted to avoid that is that in order to draw the
3 Section 2 district, you basically have to -- you
4 have to split El Monte. So it's for population
5 reasons essentially.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And
7 that's the only city split; correct?

8 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, that is the
9 only city split.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
11 Because I was looking at all of the other cities
12 and trying to recall their C.O.I. testimony, and
13 looking at the numbers, I think you're right. I
14 can't see us splitting, you know, East Pasadena or
15 even taking a part of Pasadena in consideration of
16 the not deluding the vote here, and I'm looking at
17 all the surrounding cities and so in
18 consideration, this obviously is recognizing that
19 we have to balance that issue.

20 MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Thank
22 you.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
24 DiGuilio and then Commissioner Raya.

25 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I just had

1 a general question. I'm wondering if we wanted to
2 preserve El Monte more -- I just remember -- I
3 don't know what the future of -- this is the very
4 first map for a very long day, but there was some
5 testimony about some foothill communities, so if
6 we -- if we actually took the cut in Arcadia
7 and -- so move that line down so that the cut
8 happened in Arcadia instead of El Monte, I'm not
9 sure what that does with our numbers, but it might
10 be able to kind of kill two birds with one stone
11 in the sense that for our future considerations
12 there might be a foothill corridor. Maybe those
13 people that live in that area are more familiar
14 with it.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: This is
16 Commissioner Forbes. That was exactly the reason
17 what I was -- that's where I was going.

18 MS. MACDONALD: Sorry, I just
19 verified that if -- if you go that way, you still
20 have to split El Monte, which gets you to two city
21 splits.

22 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I -- again,
23 I don't know if it's just a consideration as we go
24 forward if there was something that we wanted to
25 look at in terms of a foothill community, because

1 at least with Arcadia being so high up there, it
2 looks like there's no contiguity across.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
4 Raya.

5 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay. I'm
6 looking -- I'm concerned, too, about the split of
7 the City of El Monte, and looking at the numbers,
8 the Latino numbers there and going east, what
9 impact we have -- and I don't know how far east to
10 go, but you know, just looking at whether -- do we
11 have another Section 2 area, because you have --
12 we have very high Latino numbers going -- going
13 east, those communities through Baldwin Park,
14 Covina, and so on in there.

15 The other -- the other thing I have
16 is that -- other question is I know that -- I -- I
17 believe that the testimony regarding El Monte
18 being part of a foothill district from the -- the
19 concept of users of the mountain areas, and other
20 than that use, I don't see a connection between
21 that area and the foothill communities of, you
22 know, going from Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia
23 and so on across -- directly across the foothills.

24 MS. MACDONALD: I think if you're
25 okay with having another split in there, we can

1 probably clean up some of the Arcadia area up
2 north, so take some of these -- take some of these
3 areas out. If you'd like to give us some general
4 direction on this and just give us some
5 preferences, then --

6 COMMISSIONER RAYA: And if I could
7 just follow up on that suggestion. By doing so,
8 you're -- you know, that portion of Arcadia is
9 still very much related to what -- you know, to
10 that area you're going to put them in, so I don't
11 think you're doing anything that really does them
12 harm in that respect.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
14 Ancheta and then Commissioner Dai.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So I -- I'm
16 also concerned about -- about El Monte, but I
17 think if -- if you are going to try to create a
18 majority Asian-American district, what would you
19 do? Because I was looking at the C.A.P.A.F.R.
20 plan, which does create a majority Asian district,
21 but they also have multiple city splits, including
22 South Pasadena and San Marino and a couple other
23 census places, like East Pasadena.

24 But what is your -- what is your
25 thought if you're going to try to go for a

1 50 percent?

2 MS. MACDONALD: Basically the --
3 the issue here is how many -- it's basically the
4 trade-off. I mean, based on counsel's advice, we
5 tried to keep as many, you know, cities and
6 counties whole.

7 But I think if the commission would
8 like to give direction to, you know, look at the
9 C.A.P.A.F.R. plan and try to replicate some of
10 that, Nicole is ready to do that. She can show
11 it.

12 Again, remember when I was talking
13 about just the general strategy that Nicole used
14 to draw these, she looks at all of these -- all of
15 the criteria, and what she's presented to you
16 is -- is basically a district that has very few
17 city splits, you know, and -- and almost gets
18 there.

19 So she has already improved upon
20 that seat and she can get to a Section 2 seat
21 without doing any more damage to the cities, so --

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
23 Dai.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Oh, I just had a
25 correction. She did -- she did say that she will

1 have to split some cities to get to the Section 2
2 seat.

3 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. Okay,
4 that's fine. I figured that was an inevitable
5 consequence if you're going to get up to 50 --
6 50.1. Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I -- I
8 don't -- I'm trying to remember if there was
9 testimony about El Monte and South El Monte
10 wanting to be together. I -- I vaguely remember
11 that. I don't know if that's correct.

12 And I also agree that if you can
13 cut off the -- the top of Arcadia there, because
14 otherwise I think we have an issue with conti- --
15 contiguity, right, for -- to do -- to do the
16 Foothills District; is that correct? Or can you
17 go over with the open space? You can connect over
18 the top. Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
20 Filkins-Webber and then Commissioner Blanco.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Just
22 in a point, Commissioner Dai, if I recall, that
23 might have been a split, in other words Monrovia
24 to the east might have been the Foothill District,
25 because we haven't looked at that yet, so -- but I

1 agree that maybe that might be some consideration.

2 But I don't think we'll have a
3 problem if we come down or even if we had to leave
4 Arcadia that way, because I think that next
5 Foothill District would have started in Monrovia.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
7 Blanco and then Forbes.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I just wanted
9 to agree. Our foundation has a community-based
10 initiative in El Monte, and it's a rather -- it's
11 a very cohesive community that's actually -- I'm
12 looking online. They have like a whole -- you
13 might want to look at that. They have a general
14 plan for the city of El Monte. It's -- it's not
15 at all Foothill. It's a very working-class
16 community with a lot of unemployment that's really
17 struggling to actually unify the city in other
18 ways by coming up with this master plan, so I am
19 concerned about that. I just wanted to weigh in
20 even if it's repetitive on that.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Let's
22 have Commissioner Forbes and then we got to start
23 making sure there are general directions given so
24 we can go to work on it, rather than getting too
25 specific.

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: My thought
2 is -- and you didn't give me back the number of
3 what was left in El Monte.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Just a second.

5 In any event, I mean, just in
6 conferring with Nicole on this particular
7 district, there -- there really doesn't seem to be
8 a way to get around splitting El Monte.

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, I mean,
10 I -- what I was going to suggest is if El Monte
11 were made whole and you just come down -- down
12 from Arcadia as far as you needed to, and you
13 could even pick up Mayflower Village, which has
14 5500. So I think you could take Arcadia and you
15 could trade El Monte just -- and split Arcadia for
16 the reasons that have been mentioned before.

17 MS. MACDONALD: On this particular
18 visualization, there -- there are 56,452 residents
19 of El Monte that are not --

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, and
21 Arcadia happens to be 56 thousand even, roughly,
22 so it's almost a direct trade-off.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
24 Ms. MacDonald, rather than actually do that, I
25 think the direction from the Commission is is that

1 if you could try to find a way to keep El Monte
2 whole and if that requires that you drop a couple
3 other places, that's the direction we'd like to
4 see you go.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. And you --
6 and you would like to just get rid of the Arcadia
7 area --

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay,
9 Commissioner Ancheta, then Commissioner Ward.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just for
11 clarification, if -- if the -- if that's the
12 direction, is that a direction that would conflict
13 with a V.R.A. district?

14 (Inaudible.)

15 Okay. I'm going to dissent from
16 that. I'd call for a vote, then. Well, that --
17 those are our rules, right? We were -- if there
18 was not consensus, we would call for a vote.

19 (Inaudible.)

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
21 Ancheta.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Ancheta.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Would you repeat
24 the question?

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let's have

1 Mr. Brown make a comment here.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Would you repeat
3 the question?

4 MR. BROWN: I'm not sure I
5 understood the question. The issue is -- and I
6 think we have an answer to the issue. The issue
7 is: Is there a geographically compact minority
8 group that could constitute a majority in this
9 area? If so, and if there's racially polarized
10 voting, then you -- a strong -- you would be
11 strongly urged to draw that district to avoid
12 litigation risk. How you draw it then you can
13 debate. But at the end of the day, that takes
14 priority over other criteria.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
16 Ward -- okay. Commissioner Raya.

17 COMMISSIONER Raya: I just wanted
18 to be sure I understand what the suggested
19 direction was. Was it to -- or maybe this is
20 Commissioner Forbes -- deleting all of Arcadia and
21 Mayflower Village area?

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23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, no,
24 not -- my comment was that based upon the number
25 we were given was that El Monte is missing -- the

1 red part there -- is missing something like, what,
2 56 thousand? It had 56 thousand, I guess,
3 C.V.A.P. folks in it. Whereas Arcadia also had 56
4 thousand.

5 And so if the goal was to have El
6 Monte be whole and we wanted to continue to try to
7 keep cities whole, you could trade out the rest of
8 El Monte for Arcadia and come up with a fairly
9 close number.

10 I mean, we don't know at this point
11 what the racial makeup of that potential district
12 to be.

13 COMMISSIONER: No, we do. We do.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: But, you
15 know, that would be the trade.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, then,
17 just to finish my -- now that I understand what
18 the suggestion is, I -- I just don't see how you
19 can do that. I could not agree with that either.

20 COMMISSIONER: So I want to agree
21 with Commissioner Raya. I mean, I think that's --
22 pretty clearly would, based on the dots, would
23 reduce the -- the C.V.A.P. dramatically. So I --
24 I couldn't support that.

25 And since city splits are well down

1 on the list in terms of priority, I mean, here I
2 think we're so close to 50 percent C.V.A.P. and --
3 and C.A.P.A.F.R. was able to get to 50 percent
4 C.V.A.P., you know, understandably by doing a lot
5 of city splits, but there has been -- I know that
6 from public testimony, there has been several
7 incidents of racially polarized voting.

8 I think, was it Temple City, was
9 it? Do you remember?

10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: There are a
11 number and --

12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah, there were
13 a number of cases around here of racially
14 polarized voting, and we had public testimony
15 about that, so I think that would be -- that would
16 expose us to litigation risk if we did not try to
17 draw a Section 2 district here.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: This is
19 Commissioner Forbes again.

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:
21 Commissioner Forbes, we -- we have a stack. I
22 apologize. Commissioner Ancheta, then Yao, then
23 Filkins-Webber, then Forbes.

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Commissioner
25 Dai covered my point. Thank you.

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COMMISSIONER BARABBA:

Commissioner -- and by the way, if I misstated what the direction was, I -- I didn't put it in the form of a motion. It was just general direction so we don't have to go forward with that direction if that's against the will of the Commission.

Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Unless we can

find a substitute, which I think the map drawers have already informed us that they have tried and have not been successful, I think deluding the C.V.A.P. number is not the right thing to do. So if we have to split El Monte, then in -- in the priority of the Section 2, I think -- I think keeping it the way it was proposed is probably a better option than to eliminate Arcadia and then adding the other party El Monte to it.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner

Forbes.

COMMISSIONER FORBES: I just -- I'm

not sure that I can make the calculation that doing that is going to result in wildly different numbers, and so I'd like -- I think it doesn't hurt us to find an option that -- that makes that

1 trade, because I -- I don't think you can tell
2 from the numbers just where you end up with how
3 much -- how much of a swing there is.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
5 Aguirre.

6 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, it --
7 it looks like -- if you look at the 58 percent in
8 Arcadia and if you look at the 12 percent -- or
9 what is the percentage in El Monte?

10 (Inaudible.)

11 Yeah, when you exchange that, it
12 seems like you're going to lessen the C.V.A.P. for
13 Asians by taking Arcadia, so if we're already
14 going into El Monte, then perhaps we could pick up
15 the extra Asian Americans or the -- raise the
16 Asians C.V.A.P. by perhaps working in the El Monte
17 area and bringing it up to 50 plus.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
19 Webber, did you want to -- okay.

20 Commissioner DiGuilio.

21 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So just so
22 we're clear what the directions we're giving to
23 our line drawers, does it mean that we -- we'd
24 like to kind of stay with what we have or do we
25 want to look at other city splits to accommodate

1 more of El Monte in terms of Arcadia, maybe South
2 Pasadena is what I heard them mention, to keep the
3 numbers where they're supposed to be for C.V.A.P.
4 or -- I guess my final question is: Where do we
5 leave it at in terms of what we're going to do
6 with El Monte?

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think the
8 sense I got was is that if it's necessary to split
9 El Monte, we could live with that for the purpose
10 of making sure we reached the C.V.A.P. and if they
11 could improve on the C.V.A.P., that's the
12 direction we'd like them to go.

13 Commissioner Raya.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I have a
15 question with respect to -- to El Monte, and that
16 is whether you -- well, since it's hard to see the
17 dots or to distinguish the dots, I guess I'm kind
18 of curious about whether the area that you
19 initially -- oh, okay. So you'll have to tell me
20 what I'm looking at.

21 But -- but just -- just kind of to
22 get a sense of -- because that's -- that -- even
23 though that area is predominantly Latino, I mean,
24 just -- this is just anecdotal, but you know, when
25 you drive through, clearly there are a lot of

1 Asians moving in, businesses and residents.

2 So I'm kind of curious, you know,
3 like whether you're picking a part of it that --
4 well, obviously, you can only pick a certain part
5 to remain contiguous, but you know, trying to get
6 a sense of whether that area has a concentration
7 of one or the other so that you can still address
8 my other previous concern about Latinos.

9 MS. MACDONALD: May I answer that?

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

11 MS. MACDONALD: I -- I would say if
12 you give us general direction that includes what
13 you just mentioned, then we can go back and -- and
14 basically figure out how to do this. And just
15 preliminary, Nicole did not think that the area to
16 the east was going to be impacted by this
17 particular -- by this particular district.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
19 comments? And Ms. MacDonald, you -- you feel you
20 have sufficient direction at this point to move
21 forward on this district?

22 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

24 Commissioner Ancheta.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just for --

1 I'm not sure how clear on the directions we have
2 to be -- there's been some back and forth, and
3 I -- I don't know if for the purpose of keeping
4 the record clean or for Marian's keeping notes, we
5 need to be very -- this is for -- in -- in general
6 as we -- as we move forward, how specific we
7 should be and here's our direction, take it.

8 At this point I'm raising the
9 question as just clarity because, again, we've had
10 a number of sort of amendments or additional
11 points that were added to the initial set of
12 directions. It's more of a procedural point.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: What I have as a
15 consensus is to work on the El Monte split --

16 THE REPORTER: Can you please say
17 your name?

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Marian Johnston.

19 To work on the El Monte split to
20 bring the Asian up to 50 percent or more.

21 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: And since
22 we're overpopulated, you will need to move other
23 lines in order to accommodate that, so are we
24 giving them direction that we'd like to take the
25 lines from the north down or past South Pasadena,

1 I mean, someone else? In order to get a little of
2 a population, you're going to have to split
3 someone else, but I understand that, so it seems
4 like we should give one last direction.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Hold it. We
6 have to stop until we catch up here.

7 And let's really try to watch how
8 fast we are getting in and out of these
9 conversations to makes it possible for the
10 transcriber to pick them up. And make sure when
11 you talk that you talk into a microphone.

12 And excuse me, Commissioner
13 DiGuilio, I don't know if we finished here.

14 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I didn't
15 know if we were just going to try and rotate the
16 lines in El Monte to get that number, but we're
17 already overpopulated 818, so if we're trying to
18 encompass more of El Monte, something else has to
19 give, which right now means some slight split of a
20 city somewhere else. So I didn't know if we
21 needed to give them direction on what to look for
22 or if we just want to leave it up to them.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
24 Commissioner --

25 MS. MACDONALD: May I -- may I add

1 to that? I think at this point you'll -- you'll
2 kind of just have to give us general direction to
3 draw -- actually, Mr. Brown would probably be best
4 to explain this, the kind of motion that we would
5 like from you.

6 MR. BROWN: A thought I had is
7 let's not forget sort of the basic level
8 instruction, and -- and I think that's all she
9 needs to today, plus any tweaks. For example,
10 should she draw an Asian majority/minority
11 district in this area at this point preliminarily?

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes. And
13 that -- I think that would be the general
14 direction. The other thing to remember is we're
15 going to see this before we publish them again, so
16 we have a chance at this point to make any further
17 comments.

18 MS. MACDONALD: And then with --
19 with respect to the implications of that, I mean,
20 there may be other city splits involved, but we --
21 we have to look at that and then we will bring it
22 back to you next week, and then you can see what
23 the implications of that decision were and then
24 you can give us further guidance.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner

1 Yao and then Commissioner Blanco.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: Just a point of
3 clarification, I don't believe there's a direction
4 given to split Arcadia. Is that the -- is that
5 the understanding?

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think what
7 we said was is it's okay to split El Monte, and
8 then if you have to fine-tune it around what you
9 already have up there, you have our permission to
10 consider that.

11 Commissioner Blanco.

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: This is a
13 question for Mr. Brown. So when we give you an --
14 give them an instruction like that, draw a section
15 to district, because we'll be doing this all day,
16 so it's a general question, how do we factor in
17 the racially polarized voting analysis at this
18 point?

19 This is the instruction not only
20 because it's a potential Section 2 Asian district,
21 but because we've got a lot of other testimony and
22 we haven't split cities, et cetera, so we -- when
23 we get to a point like this, we don't have to look
24 at racially polarized voting analysis?

25 MR. BROWN: The way I would look at

1 it is that you're getting very preliminary
2 guidance so that she can get started drawing the
3 preliminary map so she can come back to you and
4 keep talking about it. So my suggestion in this
5 particular district is that we would also try to
6 see whether there's evidence of racially polarized
7 voting in this area.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And since we
9 can't possibly do that before we get somebody who
10 does that for us, then we're going to have to wait
11 for that.

12 Commissioner Dai.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, just a
14 clarification for Commissioner Yao on Arcadia.
15 I -- I think what our mappers told us is that we
16 would get contiguity anyway by going over, so if
17 it's not necessary to split them, then -- then --
18 I was concerned before that they would cause a
19 contiguity problem for the Foothills District, but
20 it sounds like it won't.

21 And I just looked through my notes,
22 there were at least two people who testified about
23 racially polarized voting and they said that they
24 would provide us with that information, so we
25 should probably solicit that.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, any
2 other comments, and Ms. MacDonald, you feel you're
3 okay to get started so that we could see what your
4 results are at the next meeting?

5 MS. MACDONALD: I -- I think we're
6 fine.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank
8 you.

9 Commissioner Webber.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
11 just have one question. Commissioner Ancheta and
12 I would like to do this today as a running list of
13 the areas that you and Mr. Brown might agree an
14 R.P.V. person should focus on. So what can we
15 call this that I could put in my notes so that
16 when we go back to our R.P.V. person -- should we
17 just call this -- is this San Gabriel Asian
18 Section 2?

19 MS. MACDONALD: West San Gabriel
20 Valley.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. All
22 right. Next area.

23 MS. MACDONALD: We're now moving to
24 the South Bay. And you'll see here that Nicole
25 actually has the entire map of -- of L.A. up and

1 you'll see a lot of visualizations of potential
2 districts, and that is because there are so many
3 heavily concentrated areas that, you know,
4 intersect with each other, this is really the only
5 way to look at L.A., because a change you make in
6 one district basically influences the next one and
7 the next one and the next one, so --

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And the
9 background is the -- is the neighborhoods?

10 MS. MACDONALD: What do we have on
11 the map?

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The -- the
13 little red lines, are those neighborhoods?

14 MS. BOYLE: They are census tracts.

15 MS. MACDONALD: So they're
16 census -- yeah, they're census tracts on there
17 right now and you have the freeways on there.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.

19 MS. MACDONALD: And now the census
20 tracts are (inaudible).

21 Okay, so -- so this particular
22 district -- would you like to describe it?

23 MS. BOYLE: Sure. So I'm calling
24 this the Compton/Carson District. It keeps
25 together Carson, Compton. It's based on the

1 visualization we did together in the regional
2 wrap-up except that I excluded Lynwood.

3 It's a black majority C.V.A.P.
4 district. It's 61 percent black C.V.A.P., 32
5 percent Latino C.V.A.P. and 2 percent Asian
6 C.V.A.P. It does not run down to the port, and
7 that's the only -- yeah, difference I would like
8 to see it at the port.

9 MS. MACDONALD: So there -- there
10 is another iteration here that brings that
11 particular district and -- and she could show
12 that.

13 You want to show that now?

14 That brings C.V.A.P. -- that lowers
15 the C.V.A.P., the black C.V.A.P., to 53 percent.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
17 Filkins-Webber.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: But
19 you said earlier that you couldn't bring it down
20 to the port. Can you explain in the microphone
21 why you can't bring it down to the port?

22 MS. BOYLE: I can't bring it down
23 to the port and keep it a black majority district.
24 I can investigate that further, but in this
25 iteration I had difficulty with that, so I went

1 north into L.A., which your iteration I believe
2 stopped here. Your visualization. I can put that
3 up.

4 But I had wanted to draw this
5 downwards, but I ended up drawing it north, but
6 it's possible that I can investigate an iteration
7 that goes down. I'll show you the one I have now.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
9 Malloy has question for Mr. Brown.

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: I
11 realize we've only given you about 24 hours
12 warning on this, but have you had any chance to
13 think about the issue of the 50 percent versus the
14 30 percent districts in South L.A. and our kind of
15 risk of litigation depending which option we
16 choose?

17 MR. BROWN: Yes. Let me try to be
18 clear about my current view of this. My current
19 view is that when we look at the district she just
20 showed you, I would probably have about the same
21 comment I just had on the Asian district, which
22 means that if you meet that first Gingles
23 precondition and the other criteria are present,
24 then you have a high litigation risk if you don't
25 draw a majority/minority district.

1 And there -- based on what I've
2 seen from the mappers, there are probably two that
3 are African America. I'm not currently aware of a
4 legal basis for the theory that was advanced
5 yesterday, but I want to think about it some more.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Ancheta.

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just to
9 supp- -- and I may have raised this yesterday, but
10 I -- I believe in the testimony from the African
11 American Collaborative, Professor Creighton did --
12 I asked him this question, which was if you were
13 going to sort of assert African American C.V.A.P.s
14 in the range of 30 to 40 percent, whether there
15 might be a viable coalitional claim.

16 His reply, of course, is that
17 it's -- that claim is still a very fuzzy one in
18 terms of litigation or the ability to litigate.
19 It's been upheld by some circuits and not by
20 others, and the Supreme Court hasn't really gotten
21 to it squarely.

22 If I didn't raise it with you
23 yesterday, it did come up earlier in testimony as
24 one way to look at it, but if we are basically
25 trying to isolate individual racial groups for

1 the -- for Gingles consideration, that's -- that's
2 one thing versus coalition.

3 Now, coalitional complicates things
4 tremendously, so we -- but anyway, that -- just to
5 raise the point, that -- that did come up in
6 testimony earlier in the week.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
8 Parvenu.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And I
10 completely agree with Commissioner Ancheta. We
11 have -- there's a strong history of traditional
12 coalition building in terms of having an influence
13 district in that area where having a 50 percent or
14 high V.A.P. or C.V.A.P. doesn't really do the
15 African-American community any justice, really.

16 It's actually -- actually, it --
17 it -- looking at performance and past coalition
18 building or coalition activities in this region,
19 it actually benefits the African-American
20 community to not have those higher percentages.

21 MR. BROWN: Okay. So there are
22 multiple issues going on here; right? I think the
23 first threshold issue is does there appear to be a
24 geographically compact single minority group and
25 there are African Americans that could constitute

1 more than 50 percent in this area, and we would
2 conclude based on looking at it that probably one
3 or two would exist.

4 Now, next question, and assume for
5 the time being that you could establish racially
6 polarized voting, so the next question is what
7 should be done about it. Okay. The -- the
8 solution that most people reach to is to draw
9 those -- draw a district that has that majority in
10 it to avoid the Section 2 claim.

11 Now, what is implicit in the
12 comments that you and Commissioner Ancheta made is
13 that perhaps there is another remedy that would be
14 effective, and if there is, I think what someone
15 has to do is put it together and present it.

16 What I was hearing yesterday, I
17 didn't hear a legal basis for whatever was being
18 suggested. In other words, that you -- I don't
19 think that on its face there's a legal basis for
20 saying just draw three districts with 30 percent
21 African-American voting strength in the same areas
22 that they're in now.

23 I don't understand the legal
24 argument for doing that. There might be a legal
25 argument for a coalition district that has -- I

1 don't know what percentages, but -- so I guess
2 what I would say is let's see it.

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Well, yes,
4 exactly.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
6 Parvenu, then Commissioner Raya.

7 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Andre
8 Parvenu. Yes, that's precisely the point. That's
9 why we're at this gridlock here now, because there
10 is evidence. There's history of the African --
11 Los Angeles is very unique. If you go to elected
12 officials' offices, it looks like a miniature
13 United Nations.

14 I mean, you have different ethnic
15 groups in elected officials' offices. That's been
16 the history. It's a very unique history here in
17 Los Angeles. It comes from the Bradley tradition,
18 Julien Dixson, her family. I don't want to
19 mention names specifically.

20 But there's a strong tradition
21 of -- of outreaching to various ethnic groups in
22 this area of town that makes it distinct from
23 other situations across the nation and even --
24 even in the state of California.

25 And again, keeping the historical

1 context of this being the -- where the Watts riots
2 occurred in 1965, it's where the Rodney King
3 incidents occurred, that there is a real threat of
4 disenfranchisement with this particular section of
5 Los Angeles that we have to be very careful with
6 in terms of minimizing the potential of elected --
7 of residents choosing an elected official of
8 choice.

9 And that's my major concern here
10 that this -- this model is -- this area is far
11 different from what the standard is.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
13 Raya, Commissioner Ancheta, Commissioner Dai, and
14 then Commissioner Blanco.

15 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I don't know if
16 Mr. Brown had a response. Do you want him to go
17 first?

18 MR. BROWN: Just briefly so that
19 I'm clear, I -- I personally am not proposing any
20 districts, and I don't plan to. So I'm trying to
21 tell people what the law is and that I haven't
22 heard a legal argument yet for doing something
23 different. I have an open mind.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
25 Raya.

1 COMMISSIONER RAYA: My question was
2 Mr. Brown's suggest -- or question, really: Is
3 there another remedy short of a majority/minority
4 district that would be effective? Is there -- can
5 you kind of give us an idea of what that possibly
6 might be, because I'm not quite clear on that.

7 MR. BROWN: My current thinking is
8 that if you don't draw a majority/minority
9 district, you have litigation risk in this area
10 from any African-American plaintiff who wanted to
11 assert it.

12 Now, you might choose to take that
13 risk with some thoughtful alternative district
14 that's based on other criteria and a legal
15 argument about why it's supported, but I still
16 think you'd have that litigation risk choosing the
17 path.

18 So once someone puts together what
19 the alternative would be and the legal basis for
20 it, it's an example of something where you
21 choose -- you're choosing among, you know, various
22 claims that might be asserted after the maps are
23 done.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
25 Ancheta.

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I
2 would agree with, you know, Mr. Brown that the --
3 a -- alternatives have not been specifically
4 advanced. Again, there have been sort of general
5 cautions that have come from testimony regarding,
6 again, the 30/40 percent number.

7 You know, just -- just to
8 articulate one potential theory, which I think is
9 distinct from Commissioner Parvenu's arguments,
10 which I think historically it's a different --
11 it's a different coalition that is often developed
12 and it's, you know, it's sort of -- the
13 quintessential example is Supervisor Hahn, who was
14 the supervisor for many years in -- in that area.

15 But it was sort of a black/white
16 and black/Jewish coalition. That's sort of
17 historically the -- the case.

18 But I think the legal theory, which
19 again, no has advanced specifically but is sort of
20 floating out there is perhaps a black/Latino or a
21 black/Latino/Asian coalitional district where the
22 sum total would be in excess of 50 percent and
23 you'd have to, of course, prove cohesive voting
24 among whichever groups are in there along with
25 polarized voting.

1 Again, we haven't received a
2 specific map. Again, I -- I raised that the other
3 day. It was not fleshed out in any detail, but
4 that's I was thinking about as -- as a possible
5 thing, but again, we don't have any specifics at
6 this point.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
8 Dai, then Commissioner Blanco, then Commissioner
9 Parvenu.

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: I just wanted to
11 comment on this option. Can you put the numbers
12 back up again?

13 So this I think was very consistent
14 with what we had asked our mappers to do in the
15 visualizations, which is that it keeps, based on
16 the testimony I think we got primarily in Long
17 Beach of keeping, you know, Compton has got parts
18 of Carson, Lynwood and Willowbrook together.

19 Also the transportation corridors
20 that were talked about between the 710 and the --
21 and the 110 and the kind of common issues about
22 pollution and -- and health issues around that.
23 So this also --

24 Okay. Oh, I was talking about the
25 new iteration. Wasn't it the black C.V.A.P. down

1 to 52 percent.

2 MS. BOYLE: We're doing iteration
3 one. I showed you options for the next iteration.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Microphone.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You need a
6 microphone, please.

7 MS. MACDONALD: We will go back to
8 the one you want to see.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Thank you. I
10 was going to say I like the other, second option
11 better because it reduces the C.V.A.P. down to --
12 down to closer to 50 percent so that it addresses
13 I think a concern about packing.

14 MS. MACDONALD: And I should also
15 tell you we're -- we're still working on -- on
16 those districts. She's been working on them
17 around the clock. But, you know, the guidance
18 that we really needed for that particular area
19 is -- is the one that you're discussing.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
21 Blanco.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I'm also
23 concerned about the litigation risk. We have
24 heard from a lot of indi- -- you know,
25 organizations, but it -- I would agree with

1 Mr. Brown that you never know when somebody else
2 might say, well, that's them, but this was a
3 possible district and you didn't draw it.

4 And -- and I think one of the
5 problems in terms of not only do we lack -- and --
6 and this isn't obviously the final map, but not
7 only do we not have a record for a coalition
8 district, everything from do people tend to vote
9 together, et cetera, but I think in some ways we
10 have a little bit of a conflict here, because
11 we've had people proposing lower numbers.

12 But in the Long Beach hearing and
13 in L.A., the testimony that we heard was this has
14 a history of black activism, this has a history of
15 civil rights, this -- you know, we heard a lot of
16 African American about sort of this being the
17 cradle in many ways of the -- and -- and the core
18 of the African-American community in L.A., and
19 that was not testimony about we are the core of a
20 coalitional L.A. It was a lot of emphasis on this
21 being African-American core of L.A.

22 And so I -- I do think we have to
23 be really cautious here and then figure out what
24 we do going forward if there is, in fact, interest
25 on coalitional. But we are really -- we did get a

1 lot of testimony that was about African-American
2 culture and tradition in these areas.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, let me
4 just -- before we go on, we have 11 of these
5 possible Section 5 districts -- excuse me, Section
6 2 districts, and -- and it's -- we have to be
7 careful we don't start repeating our principles
8 here, because otherwise we're not going to get
9 through the whole direction.

10 But Commissioner Parvenu and then
11 Commissioner Raya.

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I'll be
13 brief. I just want to say this for the record.
14 It's very unlikely that there will be an
15 African-American plaintiff coming forward to -- to
16 litigate in terms of litigation risk.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That's --
18 I'm not we're in a position to know how --

19 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. I'm
20 saying because of the history, I -- I don't see
21 that, so if we're going to make a choice here, I
22 would choose or side with the lower percentages
23 historically and I think there's some ev -- I know
24 there's evidence of M.A.L.D.E.F. also.

25 If there's litigation from that

1 area in terms of -- I -- there has been
2 communication between organizations in this part
3 of it town to make me feel comfortable enough that
4 litigation risk in that area is unlikely.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
6 Commissioner Raya.

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I think we have
8 to proceed to look at the Section 2. One further
9 comment on the coalition idea is that we did hear
10 testimony, and I know we've seen some things about
11 the trends, the demographic trends in some of
12 these areas, but that a lot of the trending is
13 immigrants who are not voters.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay,
15 Commissioner Yao, Commissioner Ontai, Commissioner
16 DiGuilio, Commissioner Ward.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: I just want to
18 see if anyone else is interested in seeing the
19 second African-American Section 2 before closing
20 on the -- on this final one, because I -- I think
21 it may be good to get a global picture as compared
22 to making it one at a time.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
24 Ontai.

25 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: This is a

1 question to Mr. Brown. So in your experience, in
2 your firm's experience, have you come across a
3 situation like this where an African-American
4 population has a 50 or more but they want to split
5 into three less than 50 C.V.A.P.?

6 MR. BROWN: Not specifically, but,
7 you know, we should be aware that there are trends
8 in the United States and in particular cities like
9 Los Angeles where this issue is going to come up
10 increasingly, and so it's not -- it's not
11 surprising and it's, you know, it's worth some
12 careful thought about what to do.

13 It's not -- there's no obvious
14 right answer. I did -- I mean, I did make the
15 point that I don't see the legal argument yet for
16 an alternative.

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I see. Thank
18 you.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
20 DiGuilio, did you want to --

21 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I just had
22 a question. We haven't had a discussion
23 necessarily it seems like as a commission about
24 coalition districts and what we're going to do
25 with them. Is that something that we need to do

1 at some point?

2 If -- if particularly this issue is
3 going to come up in L.A. a lot, I'm wondering if
4 this is kind of a technical note if we need to put
5 that on our agenda to talk about coalition
6 districts. Because that will be bearing I'm
7 assuming on a lot of L.A.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
9 Ward and then Commissioner Ancheta.

10 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you,
11 Chair. I was just curious as to how many city
12 splits are in this particular visualization, and I
13 was wondering if compared -- if this took into
14 account the California Institute for Jobs, Economy
15 and Education's plan of District 57. And you
16 can't really tell on the information they provided
17 how many city splits are on that, but C.V.A.P. is
18 very similar.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
20 Ms. MacDonald, we're having a question come up
21 here.

22 MS. MACDONALD: I'm sorry, would
23 you mind -- would you mind repeating the
24 question?.

25 COMMISSIONER WARD: Oh, sure.

1 Yeah, I was curious, two things, if this
2 visualization took into account at all District 57
3 of the California Institute for Jobs, Economy and
4 Education's recommendations. I see that the
5 C.V.A.P. is very similar on the two and I'm just
6 wondering what the city county split difference is
7 between those two.

8 (Inaudible.)

9 COMMISSIONER WARD: I'm sorry, we
10 couldn't hear you.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Oh, I'm -- I'm
12 sorry. I thought it was on. I'm sorry. No --
13 no, we did not take that iteration into --

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: How about.

15 MS. MACDONALD: -- or that
16 submission into consideration.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- the city
18 splits?

19 COMMISSIONER WARD: Do we have the
20 equivalency files for that plan?

21 MS. MACDONALD: I don't know. I
22 don't know that we have it, but we can research
23 it.

24 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: How about

1 city splits on this --

2 MS. MACDONALD: Long Beach is split
3 right in this area where the hand is waiving.

4 MS. BOYLE: And Long Beach is too
5 large to go into one district --

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You need to
7 talk into the mike.

8 MS. BOYLE: Okay. Long Beach is --
9 the population is greater than one assembly seat
10 once you include, I believe it's Signal Hill is
11 within Long Beach, so doing this allowed me to
12 create a district for Long Beach with just this
13 area here missing, and that's about 11 thousand
14 folks.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Answer you r
16 question? Thank you.

17 Commissioner Forbes.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, my --
19 I've -- I've been pondering this, and the legal
20 argument I would make would increase my -- or
21 lessen my risk aversion -- double negative
22 there -- to go into a lower percentage is because,
23 as I understand it, what we've heard that the --
24 the District 2 Gingles test requires the ability
25 of the plaintiff to show racially polarized

1 voting.

2 I think that's going to be hard to
3 prove in this district given the outcome of the
4 elections. Now, you know, certainly they can make
5 the claim, but I -- but I -- that for me gives me
6 some comfort level that we can go to a less than
7 50 percent, because I don't -- I think it's
8 unlikely that they're going to be able to show the
9 racially polarized voting.

10 Now, our -- our expert that we're
11 going to hire to look at this stuff could
12 certainly prove to me differently, but I would be
13 inclined to have at least an option that would
14 allow for more than two districts.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

16 Commissioner Ancheta, excuse me for
17 skipping over you there.

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It's okay.
19 I hate to complicate things more, but just to note
20 that both the C.A.P.A.F.R. plan and the
21 M.A.L.D.E.F. plan look at this somewhat
22 differently, and they would use Watts and Lynwood
23 and other areas that are currently in this
24 district to create a majority Latino district
25 which goes in a -- to the -- to the east and

1 south.

2 I mean, I've raised that. I don't
3 know what to do at this point, but it's -- that's
4 another consideration too.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. It
6 just seems like this one's going to -- we ran into
7 a dilemma here because the -- we've heard such
8 diverse opinions and -- but it seems to me that if
9 we stayed with what we currently know about the
10 law, that we would have the option we have.

11 But recognize that we've been
12 informed that there's an alternative, and it seems
13 to me we need to have the ability to address that
14 alternative, and I just don't know how we would go
15 about doing that, because we've got to worry about
16 the ripple effect to all the other districts that
17 we're going to be dealing with here.

18 Mr. Brown.

19 MR. BROWN: Let me just add -- let
20 me lay out a possible legal path to the
21 alternative, which would be probably more -- more
22 complicated, but let me just key off of what
23 Commissioner Forbes said.

24 So if you -- if you don't establish
25 racially polarized voting in this area, then you

1 don't have a basis for drawing Section 2. You
2 also don't have a basis for drawing a coalition
3 district, and you have no basis at all really for
4 using race to draw the districts.

5 So then where you are is other
6 criteria, and you could follow community of
7 interest, cities, neighborhoods and the like
8 carefully, but you'd be limited to that set of
9 criteria.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: If -- if we
11 could maybe take this direction -- I didn't want
12 to cut you off. Excuse me. Go ahead.

13 MR. BROWN: The -- the other way is
14 that if there was racially polarized voting, you'd
15 still have the totality of the circumstances test.
16 And on a more full record, you could have a
17 discussion about whether under the totality of the
18 circumstances, forming the 50 percent majority was
19 required versus whatever the other choice would
20 be.

21 So -- but it requires -- it
22 requires more work than what seems to be in the
23 record so far.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. So
25 if -- if I -- let me see if I interpreted you

1 correctly. You said we should -- without the
2 polarized voting analysis completed, we should
3 probably go with the community of interest and the
4 polarized voting as -- not polarized, but the
5 C.V.A.P. as we know the rules today and that would
6 try to achieve over 50 percent, and then as we get
7 additional information based on the polarized
8 voting, we might -- we'd then come back and
9 revisit what the possible alternative options are?

10 MR. BROWN: Well, that might be a
11 way to -- to go. I mean, the mappers need --

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But I mean,
13 as far as now, we simply don't have that
14 information.

15 MR. BROWN: We don't have the
16 information right now.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We'd go with
18 what would be the normal approach to this, we'd
19 try to achieve the districts with over 50 percent.

20 MR. BROWN: That would be one way,
21 I mean, but I could imagine the other extreme,
22 too. You could say, you know, let's assume that
23 it doesn't exist and draw a completely other -- so
24 I -- you know, it depends on where you think
25 things are going, because it affects how quickly

1 she gets the drafts done, I guess.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
3 Forbes.

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: See, I -- I
5 would argue that we, in fact, do have the
6 information. We can look at the historical record
7 of what actually has happened in this area of --
8 of the city. So it's not -- I mean, I think it's
9 going to be -- as I said, I think it's going to be
10 difficult to prove that there has been racially
11 polarized voting.

12 Therefore, given that I think that
13 the scale is on the -- on the side of nonracially
14 polarized voting, that I think we should draw
15 districts to the other criteria with -- and in --
16 if, in fact, the study comes back that there is
17 racially polarized voting, well, then so be it and
18 we -- and then we have to adjust accordingly. But
19 I -- I think we have the evidence.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
21 Blanco, then Commissioner Malloy.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I -- I would
23 agree with that approach that we assume there's no
24 R.P.V. and we draw based on C.O.I. testimony
25 and -- but the additional instruction I would add

1 is that as we're looking at drawing these based on
2 community of interest testimony, which we did have
3 a lot of, that we keep in mind that we may be
4 facing potential Section 2 claims in some of the
5 adjacent areas in terms of Latino population.

6 So in drawing that C.O.I. district,
7 that we keep in mind the adjacent Lynwood/Watts
8 area, which has the historical C.O.I. testimony
9 but may now be the basis of another group's
10 Section 2 district. So I think I would -- I would
11 want them to look at both together.

12 MR. GROSS:

13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: As
14 I -- I sent out an e-mail to the commissioners
15 last night about the significant backlog of public
16 comments that we have to review which as of
17 Tuesday will actually be grouped by region and by
18 date, and it seems like this is an area which, in
19 addition to the C.O.I. testimony that we got in
20 Long Beach and Los Angeles, that we should really
21 look at closely what we have on record once that
22 backlog comes in.

23 I would support at least having the
24 two options to consider, again, without having
25 seen the second Section 2 district, but to look at

1 what would be the impact of creating two over
2 50 percent districts versus having three that are,
3 I don't know, in the range of 30, 40 percent, at
4 this point for us to keep our options open as we
5 continue to review the C.O.I. testimony, get our
6 R.P.V. consultant on board to help us with more
7 depth of our analysis in this area.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is there
9 general consensus around that approach as
10 articulated by Commissioner Malloy?

11 Now -- now the tougher question,
12 Ms. MacDonald: Is that doable to be able to do
13 both?

14 MS. BOYLE: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank
16 you for your optimism.

17 MS. MACDONALD: Would you like --
18 would you like to see the adjacent --

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

20 MS. MACDONALD: -- African-American
21 seat? Okay. And she's also going to show the one
22 that -- she has like two iterations on this one as
23 well.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

25 MS. MACDONALD: And so we're going

1 to show the one that has the lower C.V.A.P. number
2 on there as well.

3 Just one second. We're
4 highlighting the one.

5 Okay. So -- so this one here --
6 great. This has Hyde Park, the Crenshaw district.
7 Just one second. Okay. Lynwood Park, Alta,
8 Cloverdale, Cochran, goes up to Crestview,
9 Beverlywood, South -- South Carthay, Miracle Mile,
10 Mid City, St. Elmo Village. So that particular
11 area.

12 So this is at this point at 48.3
13 percent black C.V.A.P., so this is the adjacent
14 district basically and --

15 MS. BOYLE: Jumped off of it.

16 MS. MACDONALD: And so Nicole is
17 still working on this one, because we're -- again,
18 we're waiting for direction on -- on which way you
19 wanted to move on on that particular area. If
20 anybody has some feedback on that.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Are we --
22 are we creating a Marina Del Rey finger here?

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: No, that's
24 Culver City.

25 MS. MACDONALD: That's Culver City.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. All
2 right. Thank you.

3 Yes, Commissioner Filkins-Webber,
4 then Commissioner Dai.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: What
6 were you trying to achieve here, the 50 percent
7 district for the possibility of a Section 2 for
8 African Americans?

9 MS. MACDONALD: Well, again, you
10 know, it -- it's basically looking at -- looking
11 at guidance, testimony, direction, and -- and also
12 at -- at C.V.A.P. and -- and figuring out whether,
13 you know, we could get to the point where we have
14 a visualization where you can decide whether or
15 not you want to give us guidance to draw a Section
16 2 district.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
18 Dai.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: I seem to recall
20 there was an Ingelwood/Hawthorne -- there was an
21 A.P.I. community in there too. Can you put up
22 the -- the -- you know what I mean.

23 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Go south.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Go south,
25 yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: Go south. Yeah,
2 I mean, I -- overall I like it. I -- I think that
3 this preserves the opportunity to do a beach
4 district, which we had talked about before. But I
5 have a question about Inglewood.

6 MS. MACDONALD: I'm not sure what
7 you would like to see.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think she
9 wants to see the southern -- below that -- that
10 district that you were showing, down at the
11 Hawthorne.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay, I must
13 have not remembered correctly, then, because that
14 doesn't look like it matches up with the legend.
15 I think it was Hawthorne and Gardena.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any
17 other comments on this?

18 Commissioner Ancheta.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: A more
20 general question: Are -- are the districts, the
21 one that we just completed and this one, and is
22 there a third one that you're going to highlight
23 that's adjacent? I'm just wondering if they're --
24 are they all next to each other?

25 MS. BOYLE: (Inaudible) now is the

1 beginning of iteration three.

2 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Speak into a
3 microphone.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, this is a
5 work in process here. So basically she started
6 working on a third district that goes to the east,
7 but it's not completed yet.

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. Okay.
9 The reason -- the reason I'm asking is I wanted to
10 sort of compare the black C.V.A.P. or V.A.P.s, if
11 they're adjacent, to see how they progress and
12 whether you might divide them differently
13 depending on -- looking at this from a -- from a
14 big picture perspective how you might allocate
15 them differently. But if you don't have it,
16 that's fine.

17 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So --

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: (Inaudible)
19 density?

20 MS. MACDONALD: So -- so here's
21 what happened. She basically when she -- because
22 the way that she drew, she ended up with very
23 heavily populated black C.V.A.P. districts and
24 this -- in -- in the last iteration, with like 60
25 percent plus C.V.A.P.

1 Then in the next iteration she
2 started to work her way down. She has a balanced
3 plan that basically shows what you want to see,
4 but that still has the very high, high black
5 C.V.A.P. iteration. So you could see how the
6 district are moving if she goes to the previous
7 plan.

8 She does not have that worked out
9 when -- when the black C.V.A.P. has dropped down
10 to 50 percent.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, and I
12 guess -- well, I mean, I guess at some point you
13 do a density or -- what's that term, a
14 choropleth -- do you have a -- where the color,
15 the color gradations change based on density of a
16 population.

17 MS. MACDONALD: Well, we can show
18 you a dot density map if you'd like to and we can
19 take the -- would you like to take --

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, it's
21 not the -- it's not t dot density, it's -- again,
22 I think the technical term is choropleth, but it's
23 the one that -- the color gradations become more
24 intense as the percentage increases.

25 MS. MACDONALD: For which race

1 would you like to see that?

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: African
3 American.

4 MS. MACDONALD: We can do that.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: These will
6 be shown at the census tract level, then; right?

7 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And that --
10 I think that term I said is c-h-o-r-o --

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's
12 choropleth.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- pleth --

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's a
15 choropleth.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: P-l-e-t-h.
17 No, just for the -- the transcriber because it's.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: She's got to
20 write it down somewhere at some point.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, this is
22 basically the -- I think this is what you wanted
23 to see. So basically the -- the high red is
24 basically the highest density, and then as you go
25 down to -- to yellow and then to white, you have

1 the lower density of black C.V.A.P.

2 Is that what you had in mind?

3 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yes. Thank
4 you.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, any
6 other -- yes, Commissioner Ward.

7 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yes, I was
8 wondering if we could just get in the habit of
9 saying the city, county, any splits that occur
10 with each of the visualizations as they come up.

11 And then I was wondering, with a
12 number of the public-submitted maps, I see Culver
13 City was not included with Inglewood and -- and
14 the like. I'm just wondering if you can explain
15 how and why you added Culver City to this one.

16 MS. MACDONALD: That -- it is
17 actually in the districts as an equal. So per
18 the -- the Commission's visualization, she's going
19 to put that up.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
21 Webber, are -- do you want to wait for this or do
22 you want to -- okay.

23 MS. MACDONALD: So that's the
24 Culver City area right there. Is that what you
25 were asking about?

1 COMMISSIONER WARD: I was
2 commenting -- excuse me. I was commenting that in
3 many of the submissions that we received, Culver
4 City would not be -- was not included with
5 Inglewood and -- and the major makeup of this
6 particular visualization.

7 So I was wondering why this
8 visualization elected to include Culver City and
9 then I was also looking for a split count with
10 this visualization.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Because this was a
12 visualization that the -- that the Commission had
13 asked for in -- in the wrap-up, so that -- that's
14 why we have it in there, but we can take it out
15 and -- and work with it if you give us further
16 direction.

17 COMMISSIONER WARD: Can we get a
18 split count on that visualization, please?

19 MS. MACDONALD: Only L.A. is split?

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay,
21 Commissioner Webber, you have a question?

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah.
23 I -- I agree with Commissioner Galambos-Malloy
24 based on whether we need the necessity for the
25 R.P.V. or -- or that we -- or we decide we don't.

1 I appreciate Mr. Brown's advice in litigation
2 potential risk in this area, which leads me to
3 just my one comment on this visualization.

4 I don't recall, and this is an
5 ongoing issue for me is I haven't -- I don't have
6 the visualizations in front of me as to what we
7 had instructed at each of the wrap-ups, but I
8 think we do need to look at the options that we're
9 discussing in this area.

10 And one -- and I see what you've
11 done here is to look at the possibility where we
12 have the first Gingles, which is you have a
13 concentration, compact race in one area.

14 So I want us to be keep -- keep in
15 mind that if we're -- that's what we're looking at
16 on these visualizations right now, because we
17 might need to get to the second step as whether or
18 not we do have any racially polarized voting.

19 But the most significant point of
20 Mr. Brown brought up today is that if we decide we
21 don't -- we don't create a majority/minority
22 district here because we don't have racially
23 polarized voting and then we spread it out, then
24 our only focus can only be on the C.O.I. testimony
25 and not race.

1 Which then means we pull back all
2 these numbers and we start over again and look at
3 C.O.I., because as I recall and I've lived up
4 there and worked up there is I don't recall us
5 giving an instruction on visualization.

6 And I don't believe we have any
7 C.O.I. testimony on Miracle Mile and the people
8 that live up in Miracle Mile, which are
9 substantially different C.O.I. from Crenshaw when
10 you get south of the 10. North of the 10, close
11 to the 10, you know, might have a very similar
12 C.O.I., but you go further north up into Miracle
13 Mile and you're talking about an entirely
14 different C.O.I.

15 So I want us to just be
16 conscientious that we look at these alternatives,
17 but we really have to have the robust C.O.I.
18 and -- and steer clear of race if we decide that
19 this should not be a Section 2 district.

20 So I just want us to be
21 conscientious when we start looking at the C.O.I.
22 and maybe providing direction, because we're in a
23 really serious -- a high -- potential high-risk
24 litigation when we provide directions in that
25 regard.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
2 Blanco, then Commissioner Ancheta.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: The only -- I
4 generally agree with that comment. The only point
5 I would make is that we have gotten advice in our
6 original training session that race can be part of
7 C.O.I. So shared racial culture, churches,
8 et cetera, so I don't think that C.O.I. means you
9 have to not look at race. My understanding from
10 the training is that C.O.I. includes race.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
12 Ancheta.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, that
14 was my point and I'd simply expand it that we have
15 to have other factors, including economic factors
16 and a variety of other areas of interest, but I --
17 I wouldn't subtract out race entirely, but it --
18 it certainly can't be the predominant factor, but
19 I think it can be in tandem with other -- other
20 factors which particular racial or ethnic groups,
21 but -- but we need those other factors as well.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
23 Commissioner Dai.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: So I'm just
25 wondering if we can give direction, I mean, so

1 I -- I was commenting before option two of the
2 district that was adjacent to this district that I
3 think was very consistent with the C.O.I.
4 testimony we got, particularly in Long Beach.

5 Although that testimony is
6 primarily about a congressional district, it very
7 much put those four cities together and talked
8 about the two transportation corridors, so I think
9 that was very consistent with the visualizations
10 we had asked Q2 to do.

11 I'm assuming that when we moved
12 over to this district, you had to bump up over the
13 ten for population. Is that --

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
15 (Inaudible).

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Commissioner
17 Filkins-Webber just commented that we didn't get
18 any specific testimony about Miracle Mile, for
19 example, so I'm assuming that's just a population.

20 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, basically,
21 and -- and this is what -- what I've already tried
22 to say, this is the difference between having, you
23 know, two drafts or having one draft map is we --
24 we work these -- we work these areas out, we
25 figure out how to integrate, you know, the

1 directions that you gave, the V.R.A. districts and
2 all of that.

3 I mean, this is really the first
4 time you're seeing it. We haven't had a whole lot
5 of time with this, because we didn't start drawing
6 until just, what, a couple of weeks ago. And so
7 these kinds of things happen and then we need
8 feedback. So this is going to happen not just
9 here, this is going to happen again.

10 So this is good to know if -- if we
11 don't have testimony about it or, you know, if you
12 can fill in the blanks, and it's also good for the
13 public, because this is a public process, so if
14 they see this and they have some feedback, they
15 can get it to us for the next iterations.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
17 questions?

18 MS. MACDONALD: There -- there is
19 also, if I may, another reason. There -- there is
20 also an -- an Asian community of interest district
21 that also affected the -- the Miracle Mile area,
22 but -- but, you know, there's -- there's just --
23 L.A. is just so incredibly interconnected, so it's
24 just -- it's really difficult.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

1 Commissioner Yao, then Commissioner Dai.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: I requested and
3 have seen the second option. Is there a third
4 potential black C.V.A.P. district that you've come
5 across?

6 MS. MACDONALD: We're -- we're
7 looking -- we're looking at that now. The -- the
8 answer is we're not sure.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay, my
10 thinking is if -- if -- if there is another third
11 potential district, then we may not have an issue
12 with -- with all the topic that we previously
13 discussed. I -- and I would welcome to -- to --
14 to have a global picture before we jump on trying
15 to solve the --

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It sounds
17 like they're at least looking into that at this
18 point, yes.

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right. Right.
20 Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
22 Dai.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I was just
24 going to say you can look at the concentrations.
25 I think that's going to be extremely hard to draw

1 a third one based on this. But given that what we
2 have -- maybe up further? Possibly, okay.

3 But my point is that I think option
4 two -- I mean, it's certainly my preferred option,
5 I think that -- of the one that's over there,
6 because it -- it avoids a packing problem
7 potentially.

8 And it's also very consistent with
9 the C.O.I. testimony that we received, and so I
10 think to the degree that we can draw a district
11 and it's consistent with the C.O.I. testimony and
12 it will allow us to draw the other districts that
13 are also consistent with the C.O.I. testimony,
14 like the Beach Cities District, that maybe that
15 should be our initial direction so we can finish
16 drawing this area.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is that a
18 consensus of the group?

19 Looks that way. Go for that.

20 Okay. Before we start another one,
21 I think we could probably take a break here. So
22 we'll take a five-minute break, so let's be back
23 at five minutes to 11.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held
25 from 10:54 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.)

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, we're
2 reconvening, and in an effort to try to bring a
3 little more structure to this, we've asked
4 Mr. Brown if he would kind of give an overview of
5 the L.A. area relative to Section 5, and then we
6 could then zero in on some of the specifics, so we
7 get a little background on why some of these --
8 some of these decisions are as complex as they
9 are.

10 So Mr. Brown.

11 MR. BROWN: Yeah, and this will be
12 brief.

13 So based on our meetings and
14 interactions with the mappers, there was a couple
15 of observations with respect to trying to figure
16 out how many majority/minority districts might
17 there be for particular groups.

18 One -- and you've already seem some
19 of it. One was that there seemed to be one Asian
20 area that had a high concentration of C.V.A.P. and
21 we looked at that. The other was we talked about
22 the potential of African American plus 50 percent
23 districts.

24 But I found when we started talking
25 about the Latino areas, it was more challenging to

1 figure out how -- to conclude how many districts
2 you're going to need.

3 And I think if you look at what's
4 up there now, which is a visualization of Latino
5 C.V.A.P., with color concentrations by level --
6 the percentage of population, what you can't see
7 up there but you all know about is there is a
8 concentrated area in San Fernando Valley on both
9 sides of the 405 freeway.

10 But what kind of struck me in
11 looking at it is other by San Fernando Valley,
12 almost all of the rest of it is contiguous. And
13 so I understand that what the mappers have done is
14 drawn preliminary visualizations using mostly
15 cities and neighborhoods and the like.

16 And I think it's -- what's --
17 what's challenging is I think you can't just look
18 at a single district and say yes or no, do I have
19 to draw this one here. I think what have you to
20 do is have a -- some sort of systematic way of
21 drawing the lines and then I think you have to
22 step back and ask do we think we have any Section
23 2 concerns here given what we've done.

24 So I -- I ought to say now one --
25 one suggestion, one idea that might be discussed,

1 and I think the mappers may have partially done
2 this already, is can you go through L.A. County
3 simply using the level four criteria, cities,
4 neighborhoods, communities of interest, with a
5 mapping strategy and being sensitive to not having
6 overconcentrations of a particular group or
7 underconcentrations as you go along, and then stop
8 and look at how you're doing after sort of a
9 first -- a first pass?

10 Because I think if you did it that
11 way and you looked, say, at where you were on
12 Latino voting strength from a Section 2
13 perspective, you might conclude either you were
14 satisfied or that you were a little under or
15 whatever.

16 But -- but -- but if you got
17 satisfied or mostly satisfied using just what we
18 call the level four criteria, then you would solve
19 a lot of -- a lot of issues.

20 So that's my basic comment.

21 MS. MACDONALD: If I may -- if I
22 may add to that, and that is exactly what we did.
23 So when Nicole was -- was -- was referring to her
24 iteration two earlier and then we switched over to
25 iteration three where she was showing the lower

1 black C.V.A.P. districts, basically the -- the way
2 she got to those 60 percent plus black C.V.A.P.
3 districts was by -- by using everything that
4 George has just explained.

5 So then she looked at it and
6 basically she had -- she had districts that -- you
7 know, as -- as Commissioner Dai had referred to
8 them as -- as packed. And then she tried to
9 quote-unquote unpack them, and that was the
10 iteration three that you -- you saw.

11 But, of course, L.A. as you see, is
12 so interconnected. I mean, if you put all of the
13 different -- you know, if we change this color
14 theme and we then, you know, look at black and we
15 look at Asian and whatnot, you see that all of
16 these groups affect each other, and also we have
17 testimony, of course, we have a lot of
18 visualizations that you gave us. You gave us a
19 lot of preferences.

20 So taking that all into
21 consideration, as soon as you start to touch one
22 thing, you have this ripple effect, which is why
23 it was difficult for her to actually show adjacent
24 districts or, in fact, you know, answer the -- the
25 one question about the -- the potentially third

1 50 percent plus black C.V.A.P. district, because
2 that is just not the way she had looked at it.

3 She was really just looking at
4 quote-unquote unpacking on that third iteration,
5 and we didn't know which way you wanted to move.

6 So I hope that makes a little bit
7 more sense.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So is it
9 possible for us to see what the overall of the
10 districts look like against that background?

11 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, so -- so now
12 we are at this iteration two, just remembering
13 that really the only think that we had on
14 iteration three and we now have guidance on that,
15 right, because you -- you told us what to do with
16 that and basically lower the -- the black C.V.A.P.

17 And so -- so there -- there was
18 some guidance that we received. So just
19 remembering that this is not incorporated at this
20 point in the iteration that you are going to see,
21 so whatever districts you see now will have to
22 change based on what you just told us to do.

23 And I know this is difficult. I --
24 I wish I could make it a little bit more clear,
25 but -- but I can't unless, you know, we add a

1 couple of months and we'll do this all in public.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, I
3 think the couple of months is probably not going
4 to happen, but --

5 Commissioner Yao.

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: Can we have the
7 same display for the Asians and also for the
8 blacks so that we get a total view on that?

9 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, we'll -- we'll
10 put up Asian -- Asian first and then we'll do
11 black. It will take a second.

12 Okay, so again, please note that
13 the breaks are a little bit different because of
14 the -- the G.I.S. basically assigns them base --

15 So -- so this is the Asian C.V.A.P.
16 concentration. Would you like us to zoom in on
17 any areas or kind of read off --

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let me just
19 ask.

20 Mr. Brown, is this -- this
21 distribution of Asian, does that cause you to look
22 at this differently than you did the --

23 MR. BROWN: No. It's -- it's
24 consistent with my understanding. Because what
25 they told -- what the mappers told us is that

1 they -- they had just one area that had close to a
2 50 percent C.V.A.P. concentration.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Compact, a compact
5 area that has 50 percent C.V.A.P., you know.

6 So now we'll move to black C.V.A.P.
7 That will work?

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
9 Ontai.

10 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, and this
11 is -- this is black C.V.A.P.

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I don't know
13 if you have one for the Pacific Islander
14 communities. Can you show that?

15 MS. MACDONALD: She has Pacific
16 Islander voting age population but not citizen
17 voting age population prepared. Would voting age
18 population be okay?

19 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Sure. That
20 would be fine.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Has anybody
22 got any comment on this particular map?

23 (No audible response.)

24 MS. MACDONALD: Just one second.
25 We're looking for the layer.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And you
2 don't have to show the state of Hawaii in this
3 one.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So this
5 is -- again, so the highest percentage you have is
6 10 percent and above in this particular color
7 theme. Is this okay?

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Is there
10 something else you'd like to see or should we move
11 to -- to some more districts to look at?

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess I
13 have a quick question. Would it possible between
14 the map drawers and the staff to maybe get printed
15 versions of these maps so we would have them at
16 our disposal when we are looking at -- I think
17 that -- to my mind at least it would be helpful,
18 because it's kind of hard to remember all these
19 things. Then we would have that available.

20 MS. MACDONALD: We can absolutely
21 do that.

22 COMMISSIONER YAO: Just a question:
23 How do we deal with the conflicts between the --
24 the minority groups? Because again, we're looking
25 at -- we're looking at one map at a time for a

1 particular minority group and they often
2 superimpose each other or competing for the same
3 city as each other.

4 When -- are we going to have an
5 opportunity to -- to -- to discuss those issues
6 in -- in this process that we're going through
7 today?

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think
9 having it -- all four maps in front of us at one
10 time would probably help a little bit.

11 I'll -- the other aspect of that,
12 there was a -- a process of highlighting two
13 variables on one map that is a possibility that we
14 might take a look at as well.

15 Commissioner Parvenu.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: (Inaudible)
17 approach, I intend to take the color maps that Q2
18 gives us and just make old-fashioned
19 transparencies and just put one over the next.
20 And it's as simple as that.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: I -- I think
22 that's what the dot density map that they had at
23 the beginning was all about, so if you want to see
24 that again.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner

1 Yao.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: I'm not
3 suggesting that we do it. I just want to know
4 whether we do or don't have a problem when it
5 comes to the Section 2 --

6 MS. MACDONALD: We could -- we
7 could highlight --

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: My guess is
9 that we have a problem. And --

10 MS. MACDONALD: If -- if you'd
11 like, we -- we could move through this iteration
12 two that -- where she has, you know, the districts
13 and -- and then we'll -- we'll basically see where
14 this arises and then we can take them one district
15 at a time and -- and talk about how you would
16 proceed, how you would like to proceed on this.

17 In -- in some areas it's -- it's
18 not -- in -- in some areas it's pretty clear. In
19 other areas it isn't, and you will have to weigh
20 in and you will have to make some decisions. So
21 that might be the best way to proceed.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Why don't
23 you proceed down those lines.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so we're
25 going to put a Latino color theme on here, unless

1 you tell us otherwise, and -- and also take a look
2 at the district configuration. We're going to
3 start in the -- in the east.

4 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Can I ask
5 you two a question? I -- I am curious. You gave
6 kind of an overview how you approached this, but
7 did you find that you started in one location and
8 moved in or did you move out or up or down? Did
9 it matter? Did it have a bearing on how the rest
10 of it felt?

11 MS. BOYLE: I'm sorry, I'm looking
12 and thinking about my map.

13 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I was just
14 curious if there -- if -- where you started when
15 you were looking at this in terms of Section 2, if
16 you -- if you found it easier to start on the east
17 or west or just kind of looked it at as a holistic
18 or --

19 MS. BOYLE: Sure. I started
20 actually in the west and the South Bay, and then I
21 stopped once I had the Section 2 black districts
22 configured and started in the east and started
23 pushing to the west. And --

24 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so I'm -- I'm
25 just going to -- so this is the easternmost edge

1 of this particular region. I'm going to just read
2 off some of the cities so you can orient yourself.

3 So Azusa is in here. We have
4 Covina. We have West Covina. It goes down to
5 South San Jose Hills, Avocado Heights, West Puente
6 Valley, Baldwin Park, Urbandale.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Commissioner
8 Barabba, could you change the highlight color
9 maybe on the lines or -- I'm finding it hard to
10 see, given the other colors up there, the actual
11 boundaries.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, she's --
13 she's trying to make that a little bit better here
14 in a second.

15 Shall we take the color theme off,
16 the Latino C.V.A.P. for right now? Would that be
17 easier?

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I think it's
19 helpful to have the Latino indicators up there,
20 but you could -- if you could do another highlight
21 color on the district boundaries, if that's
22 possible, something --

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: (Inaudible)
24 being black. If it could be red, something like
25 that? Is that what you meant, Commissioner

1 Ancheta?

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yes, yes.
3 Something, you know, something florescent,
4 chartreuse.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Is this -- is this
6 a little better?

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I think
8 you could remove the green color so we could see
9 the --

10 MS. MACDONALD: So again, what --
11 what you're seeing here, so this is a high Latino
12 area, it's 57.1 percent C.V.A.P. at this point,
13 and the reason for why we got to 57.1 percent
14 C.V.A.P. is again by, you know, looking at --
15 starting with C.O.I. testimony, looking at all of
16 the different criteria.

17 And, you know, the famous iteration
18 three that we looked at earlier is -- is again
19 looking at, you know, lowering that number a
20 little bit and seeing -- seeing what happened --
21 what happens there.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
23 Dai and then Commissioner DiGuilio.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: So I was curious
25 about Duarte up there. Is that -- is that your

1 question? I was just wondering if that's going to
2 interrupt the -- the Foothills District. I guess
3 we can go over and above it just like we did on
4 the other one again. But I think above Duarte and
5 Azusa -- how big is Azusa there? Oh, it goes
6 down -- okay.

7 MS. MACDONALD: Duarte could be
8 taken out. It doesn't really matter to the --

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah. It just
10 seems like it would be --

11 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, I mean,
12 the -- the pop -- okay, it could be split is what
13 Nicole says.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Oh, so you can't
15 take all of Duarte out? You couldn't take all of
16 Duarte out?

17 MS. BOYLE: No, let me put the
18 population.

19 MS. MACDONALD: We'll put the
20 population up for you.

21 MS. BOYLE: It had a long tail on
22 it.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, it has a
24 long tail, but it looks like, you know, most of
25 the Latino population is only in the -- in the

1 very bottom of the tail and doesn't -- I don't
2 know how dense that is, but --

3 MS. MACDONALD: I think that's the
4 point is that, you know, when you -- when you take
5 all of Duarte out, then you're lowering the Latino
6 C.V.A.P. Of course, she's working on that, but --
7 so we could take that as a -- as a suggestion and
8 then we could take a look at it if you'd like.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: I wonder if --
10 actually, move it up. I wonder if it would be an
11 advantage to lower it here, because again, we have
12 to worry about packing as well.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let me ask
14 the Commission a question. If we get into start
15 moving cities around on all the maps we've got to
16 look at, we're going to be here for a couple days.

17 And I would just say that maybe the
18 direction we could provide is what would it look
19 like if you took some of those cities out, rather
20 than getting specific to it.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: What would it
22 look like if you took Duarte out?

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The question
24 is is if they take it out, we're going to be here
25 for several days and --

1 Commissioner DiGuilio and then
2 Ancheta.

3 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: And I'd
4 just like to maybe just give a general thing,
5 since we -- we already looked at the other
6 district in Arcadia. We had the Sierra Madre jump
7 over through the mountains to Monrovia, jump over
8 through the mountains to Glendora. I just -- I
9 don't particularly feel comfortable with that
10 hopping, even though they're contiguous based in
11 the mountains. I don't even know if there's a
12 road that's contiguous.

13 So I'd like as a general direction,
14 clean those lines up so there's -- at least
15 that -- that's my inclination, clean them up so it
16 looks better and come the next time around.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would
18 classify that as a general direction.

19 Okay. Commissioner Ancheta.

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, that
21 was basically mine. If you can get a -- try to
22 have a foothills contiguous area, maybe more than
23 one district, but try to remain -- try to remain
24 the contiguity among populated areas along the
25 foothills.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is that
2 clear, Ms. MacDonald?

3 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

5 MS. MACDONALD: If we need them for
6 the Section 2 seat, can we split?

7 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Yeah, I'd
8 say --

9 MS. MACDONALD: Above the freeway?

10 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Can I say
11 yes?

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Your -- your
13 point was that if you -- would you repeat that?

14 MS. MACDONALD: We need to know
15 whether the Commission would be all right with us
16 splitting some of these cities to basic -- if we
17 need that for the Section 2 and population
18 purposes.

19 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I think
20 based on the C.O.I. testimony, we have a
21 justification for maintaining San Gabriel Mountain
22 District, or border, or something along up there
23 that would allow to us justify to break some
24 cities in order to maintain the integrity of the
25 C.O.I. testimony.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
2 Filkins-Webber and then Commissioner Yao.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So if
4 you split it, then consider that we could have a
5 contiguous foothill district to the north, so if
6 you're going to split -- provided at least based
7 on the concentration that you have here, it might
8 be easier and then obviously you can highlight the
9 problems where if the population happens to be
10 closer to the foothills.

11 But it looks like, based at least
12 on this Latino overlay, you might be safe on
13 splitting so then we can create our foothill
14 district and still keep a good Section 2 compact
15 below.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
17 Yao.

18 MS. MACDONALD: We would look at
19 that, yes.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
21 Yao.

22 COMMISSIONER YAO: With addressing
23 only the assembly map, we may not want a 50 mile
24 assembly district, so I -- I think we can form
25 assembly districts without having -- having --

1 make it a continuous foothill district all the way
2 to the -- to the edge of this, Los Angeles County
3 all the way from -- from Pasadena and so on.

4 But we're talking about
5 congressional district or the state senates and
6 you may end up having a foothill district that's
7 very, very long. So some of these things are --
8 again, it's a function as to whether we're really
9 only addressing the assembly district or whether
10 we're going to go further than that.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
12 comments?

13 (No audible response.)

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So would the
15 direction be that, and given Commissioner Yao's
16 point is that the -- we don't want it so -- so
17 long that it becomes, you know, the never-ending
18 assembly district, because that would be some
19 difficulty as well.

20 So you might have to find yourself
21 coming down a little bit so we ended up maybe with
22 two districts kind of looking across and then may
23 have one senate district maybe that would do that.

24 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: And again,
25 I would just say to refer to the public testimony,

1 because I do believe there was some public
2 testimony in C.O.I. that there was a stopping
3 point that it then became -- so I don't think you
4 have to deliver a long one.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
6 Ancheta.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Getting back
8 Ms. MacDonald's original question, I -- I would
9 answer it, I'm not sure if others have the same
10 answer to that, is that if you need to -- if you
11 really need to interrupt some of the foothill
12 communities in order to create a Section 2
13 district, that you should do that, but if you can
14 do it otherwise, do it otherwise.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah. I
16 think that's where we are.

17 Okay. Another area, then.

18 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. We'll move
19 to that El Monte area that we talked about this
20 morning, actually. So again, we're -- we're now
21 looking at a district that is 66.2 percent Latino
22 C.V.A.P.

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
24 Filkins-Webber here. I -- I -- I couldn't get the
25 attention of the chair or vice chair.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Excuse me.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
3 just have a general question before we get in
4 there.

5 Mr. Brown, I know that you had a
6 potential difference of opinion regarding Anaheim
7 Santa Ana reiteration that we're going to get to.
8 Are you -- do you concur with Q2 on their
9 identification of these Section 2 areas that we're
10 looking at? And if you don't, I'm assuming you're
11 going to chime in and provide your opinion
12 where -- otherwise.

13 MR. BROWN: So my view on L.A.
14 County is that it's a different -- it's a
15 different exercise than all -- all the other areas
16 of the state in that because there are many
17 different ways to do this, I think you have to
18 look in the aggregate about -- at what's done and
19 then ask -- and specifics, and then ask do we have
20 Section 2 issues.

21 With respect to the districts we're
22 seeing so far, my understanding is for the most
23 part they've got whole cities with very few
24 splits, whole cities and -- and neighborhoods.
25 And to the extent that that's possible, that's a

1 good thing for us.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Thank
3 you.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
5 comments on this particular district?

6 (No audible response.)

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
8 Yao.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: I know we are
10 less sensitive about crossing county lines as
11 compared to city lines, but in this case we pick
12 up a couple of cities strictly for the population
13 and it really -- it's a forced grouping as
14 compared to anything else, so I question as to
15 whether we really want to do that.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
17 Ancheta, did you want to --

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, just a
19 general point. I think actually it's even worse
20 when you go west. But I -- I was just looking at
21 the percentages, because this one it's 66, but I
22 think actually in the one to the west it's 83
23 percent Latino.

24 And again, if -- maybe that's just
25 unavoidable just given the demographics, but I'm

1 just wondering if -- if you looked some -- at some
2 other options where the percentages were lower
3 than current.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, that is the
5 famous iteration three, because -- because, again,
6 this -- this is basically the one where she really
7 looked at just all of the different criteria and
8 then saw what she got with respect to, you know,
9 basically what the outcome was per direction.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
11 Dai.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: I'm looking at
13 the public testimony and there was quite a bit of
14 testimony about Hacienda Heights and La Habra
15 Heights being in this district instead, which
16 might bring the percentage down a little. So -- I
17 don't know. But that might be something to try.

18 MS. MACDONALD: That is what she
19 did in iteration three apparently.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: Oh, okay.
21 Great. Great. Because that's consistent with
22 public testimony.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any
24 other comments?

25 Commissioner Yao.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, on the
2 last comment, the Hacienda Height and so on will
3 start eating into the Asian -- potential Asian
4 district so -- and there's also public comment in
5 terms of wanting to keep Brea, La Habra, La Mirada
6 together as well, so --

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
8 Filkins-Webber, then Commissioner Ancheta.

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
10 That's where I have a question, when you have
11 other areas within a county without crossing
12 county lines, you have a significant number on the
13 V.A.P.ers E.V.A.P. for Latino, you know, that's
14 way above where the -- you know, where a threshold
15 would be, what your thought processes were of
16 moving into, crossing country lines into La Habra,
17 kind of infringing a little bit on the C.O.I.
18 testimony versus going north to the 10 at Rosemead
19 and Monterey Park?

20 And the reason I say that, because
21 we didn't -- I don't recall specifically if we had
22 Rosemead or Monterey Park testimony versus La
23 Habra, so -- and looking how high the number is at
24 66.2, it seems to me that we could, you know,
25 lower that like we were talking about on our

1 concern, not cross county lines just yet unless we
2 had that significant C.O.I. testimony.

3 So that might be a general
4 direction or instruction to provide that before
5 actually crossing the county line, we should
6 have -- if -- if we're looking for people, we
7 should make sure that they're not around elsewhere
8 in the commune -- in the county, especially when
9 we're butting up against some C.O.I. testimony.

10 So if that works better to your
11 reiteration three -- you're smiling, so it looks
12 like you've already thought of that.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
14 Ancheta.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, just
16 a -- just more of a process question, because
17 Commissioner Filkins-Webber and I are trying to
18 keep a running list of districts where we're --

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'm glad you
20 reminded Commissioner Filkins-Webber of that
21 assignment.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And I forgot
23 to get the previous one, but I don't know how many
24 variations we're going to look at, so we're trying
25 to memorialize it to some extent the ones where we

1 want to iso- -- or we're going to identify as
2 needing R.P.V., but if we're going to have another
3 set, I'll -- maybe I'll wait, but -- or I'll label
4 this as -- what -- what I need is actually some
5 sort of general name for the district.

6 MS. MACDONALD: Can we just call it
7 Whittier Pico Rivera, because there -- there --
8 while there is some starting point for an
9 iteration three, we're not going to look at this
10 today, because that -- that's going -- going to
11 not --

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. And
13 what would you have labeled the first -- the
14 earlier one?

15 MS. MACDONALD: Covina.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Covina,
17 okay.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
19 Ward.

20 COMMISSIONER WARD: I was just
21 wondering when we put up the visualizations from
22 visualization to visualization, could maybe you
23 two just give a quick summary of the boundaries,
24 what neighborhoods they split, didn't split, and
25 that kind of thing, just because when we're

1 looking at, like, in some of the handout material
2 and trying to compare it with the map, things are
3 displayed differently and it would just I think
4 save a lot of questions and help me particularly
5 if they can just walk through each visualization
6 and, like I say, kind of give a split count and --
7 and what's different from the one before and why.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Only El Monte
9 is split in this -- in this district. By 56
10 thousand people.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But I think
12 in -- his -- as we move down, it might be a thing
13 to do at the beginning of the presentation of each
14 of the areas.

15 Okay. Could we move on, then?

16 MS. MACDONALD: This is the
17 Whittier Pico Rivera.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I see
19 no other hands up, so let's move to another --

20 MS. MACDONALD: Moving on to Downey
21 Norwalk District. This district splits nothing,
22 and it has Bell Gardens, Norwalk, Downey,
23 Bellflower, Paramount, Lynwood. You have 58.4
24 percent Latino C.V.A.P. 8.4.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It sounds

1 like this one looks -- I see a lot of smiles out
2 there, so -- you won the smile effect.

3 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I knew
5 Commissioner Dai would find something.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: No. I just had
7 a question about Lynwood because under the
8 previous version that you showed us with Lynwood
9 in that one, so -- so that means you might have
10 to --

11 MS. MACDONALD: That was iteration
12 three, which is why I didn't want to switch back
13 over there.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
15 Parvenu.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I'm pleased.
17 I'm smiling. I'm pleased to see this, because I
18 had testimony from Downey that was split before,
19 so they'll be very pleased to see this.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank
21 you. All right. Let's -- no direction, further
22 direction on this one, so we can move to another.

23 MS. MACDONALD: One second. We are
24 moving to -- this district -- this district is
25 called University Park South Gate.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

2 MS. MACDONALD: What's split in
3 here is Los Angeles. We have Vernon, Maywood,
4 Bell, Cudahy, South Gate, Walnut Park, Florence --
5 Florence-Graham, 83 percent Latino C.V.A.P.

6 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That's where
7 they -- there's a lot -- lot of Latinos there.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any
9 comments? Commissioner DiGuilio.

10 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I just have
11 a general question. I know that we're seeing some
12 very large numbers of things, and I'm assuming --
13 I want to make this assumption but I'd like to see
14 if I'm correct, is that you -- you did try as many
15 options as possible to keep things more
16 reasonable, but there were certain places where it
17 just had to have been -- had to be 83 percent
18 or -- I mean, was there really much else you could
19 do based on the other factors around it?

20 MS. MACDONALD: We're -- we're
21 going to go over that with the V.R.A. counsel if
22 he's -- if he's happy to do that. He's smiling
23 almost. Yes.

24 And -- and, yeah, we're going to
25 look at these closer. I mean, we're trying to

1 keep cities together here, which is also why
2 you're seeing deviations that, you know, are
3 not -- per your vote yesterday, are not going to
4 be acceptable in the final map.

5 So just -- just keep in mind that,
6 you know, some of these districts that look quite
7 perfect where everybody's smiling and waving,
8 there may be a little less waving once we actually
9 have to bring the deviations down.

10 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: This was --
11 this was the starting point and you'll be --

12 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, this is a
13 starting point, really, meeting all the criteria,
14 this is what we worked out with V.R.A. counsel,
15 and -- and so that's why you're seeing some of
16 these numbers.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
18 Dai.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: Again, I'm
20 trying to remember what was in rev three. Was
21 there room to go further south in this version
22 here? Or did you not get rev three? I was just
23 wondering because I know that rev three included
24 Willowbrook, Compton and Lynwood, and I'm just
25 wondering about the northern boundary. That might

1 bring it down a little bit if you could drop it.

2 MS. MACDONALD: This I'm informed
3 is one of the more difficult districts, and in
4 iteration three she may have to move north and
5 west on this particular district, but, you know,
6 I -- I guess we're going to work that out, unless
7 you have some comments on -- on that right now.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I'm
9 wondering if any of our southern Californian
10 commissioners would have any comment about going
11 north from here.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
13 Filkins-Webber.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Going
15 up the I-10, up that black line where those other
16 numbers are at, keep in mind that if I'm not
17 mistaken, if my orientation is correct, that is on
18 the east side of downtown L.A.; correct?

19 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And if that's
21 the case, we did receive some specific C.O.I.
22 testimony that -- if I recall correctly, that put
23 that area closer into downtown. They liked -- the
24 downtown -- the eastern part of down -- east of
25 downtown wanted to be connected with downtown

1 moving west, as I recall.

2 So when you move south of -- what
3 is that street that's like the white -- well,
4 any -- any further south of the 10 versus being up
5 on downtown, you do have a difference of -- of
6 communities of interest between that, so just keep
7 that in mind instead of going north on this
8 district near downtown up the 110.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
10 comments?

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I'd just
12 like to --

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
14 Parvenu.

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes. I'd
16 just like to comment that that area to the right
17 that Commissioner Filkins-Webber just mentioned
18 was -- it was part of the Alameda corridor as
19 well. So it's a major transportation corridor.
20 Just keep that in mind.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.
22 Thank you. Next area.

23 MS. MACDONALD: This is the
24 Downtown Wilshire District, and this is actually
25 not a Section 2 district. This is something that

1 people might call a coalition district.

2 UNKNOWN COMMISSIONER: This one has
3 Koreatown in it; correct?

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Why don't we
5 just say downtown.

6 MS. MACDONALD: Downtown.

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: Does this
8 include Koreatown and Chinatown and Thaitown and
9 all of the other towns?

10 MS. BOYLE: A little piece of
11 Thaitown is missing, I realized, when I looked at
12 the C.A.P.A.F.R., but it could easily be put in.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. Great.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
15 DiGuilio.

16 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Just --
17 just very quickly, I know it's a neighborhood
18 area. Could you give me just kind of maybe a
19 quick reference for the north part and the south
20 part kind of on a neighborhood basis? Do you --
21 do you know that off the top of your head?
22 Because it gets a little blurry for me in there
23 without that. Thank you.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, in the
25 north -- can you read it? It's Little Armenia,

1 East -- East Hollywood, then as you move down,
2 Filipinotown, Angelino Heights, Chinatown. You
3 have Koreatown, Pico Union, Downtown.

4 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Thank you
5 for putting those on. I appreciate it.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
7 Yao.

8 COMMISSIONER YAO: Is Chinatown
9 split? Can you comment on that?

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is Chinatown
11 split?

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: Is Chinatown on
13 the -- on the east, northeast corner there, it
14 is -- it is split or it's not split?

15 MS. BOYLE: As far as I know, it's
16 not split, but I'm looking at the C.A.P.A.F.R.
17 C.O.I. areas now and I'll be verifying it against
18 that. In the C.A.P.A.F.R. district, Chinatown is
19 taken out of that district.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
22 Parvenu.

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Chinatown is
24 not split on this map right there, because that
25 first street that runs across is Sunset, if you

1 zoom in a little bit, so that northern line is the
2 northern border.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Next
4 area. Hold it. Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Just
6 to make sure we're keeping this running list, you
7 said this is not a Section 2 but could be a
8 coalition?

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Mr. Brown.

10 MR. BROWN: Yeah, just as far as
11 terminology goes, I wouldn't yet conclude any of
12 these are Section 2 if -- if what we mean by that
13 is required to be drawn, because these are all
14 being drawn in accordance with following city,
15 county, and neighborhood boundaries and
16 communities of interest.

17 So, I mean, even the reference to a
18 coalition district is a bit of misnomer if what
19 she's done is included entireties of communities
20 of interest.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
22 Moving on.

23 MS. MACDONALD: We're going to
24 the -- to the Port District, and just remembering
25 that is iteration two before we -- this is

1 California. And so this is -- this is a port --
2 this is the Port District in -- in -- Los Angeles
3 Port.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

5 MS. MACDONALD: It has one of the
6 ports in it. You recall that we had -- that we're
7 talking about one port per district. And the
8 cities that are wholly contained in this district
9 right now are Hawthorne, Del Aire, Lawndale,
10 Gardena.

11 There are parts of L.A. Of course,
12 it's hard to avoid parts of L.A. We have West
13 Carson, Harbor City, and this is a neighborhood
14 right down there and San Pedro. Yeah.

15 And the percentages are 37.4
16 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 15.5 percent Asian
17 C.V.A.P. and 17.3 percent black C.V.A.P.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
19 Yao.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Again, only
21 Los Angeles is split in terms of cities?

22 MS. MACDONALD: That's correct.

23 COMMISSIONER YAO: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
25 Filkins-Webber.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: To
2 the east of Gardena, does that butt up against
3 your other district that we were looking at
4 earlier for the Compton Carson?

5 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I --
7 I guess I just want to say I -- I think this looks
8 good. The only thing is I thought that there was
9 some concern about this corridor, because that's
10 kind of the existing district, but I think you're
11 right.

12 If we really look at the C.O.I.
13 testimony, you separate the ports, you keep the
14 peninsula area, you know, intact for the beach
15 community, and you respect the -- the black
16 potential Section 2 or just community of interest
17 in Compton Carson, and you had to get people
18 elsewhere. And that would be your justification
19 for how it -- just the way that it's looking right
20 now.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And that's
22 also a function of the way the City of Los Angeles
23 is built, too. I forget what that lady called it,
24 but I thought it was nice.

25 Yes, Commissioner Dai.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: Weren't there
2 some small -- there was some C.O.I. testimony
3 about -- was it a Japanese community that was up
4 in Gardena? And there was -- wasn't there
5 something in Inglewood, too? Do you recall?

6 There was -- I seem to recall
7 something about a Lennox Hawthorne -- if you go a
8 little bit north. Yeah. I'm trying to remember
9 the testimony that there was some -- some A.P.I.
10 community up there. Hawthorne. Can you put the
11 Asian --

12 MS. MACDONALD: She's -- she's
13 searching the database on it, too.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: While we're
15 searching, how many more districts are you
16 planning to review in the L.A. area?

17 MS. MACDONALD: Two. Two or three
18 for assembly.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank
20 you.

21 Mr. Parvenu.

22 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I know we
23 aren't discussing this map, but I'm seeing here
24 visually. Lennox has a lot more in common with
25 either Inglewood or Hawthorne. I'm just curious

1 to know why it just jettisons out like that.
2 Unless you just need the numbers.

3 MS. MACDONALD: That's actually
4 exactly the testimony that -- that Bonnie just
5 pulled up.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: I remember that,
7 too, Inglewood, Lennox and Hawthorne.

8 MS. GLASER: Three different
9 speakers talked about those three cities together.

10 MS. MACDONALD: Do you have a name
11 for that district, Mr. Ancheta -- Commissioner
12 Ancheta? The -- the last district we just looked
13 at, Nicole called that the San Pedro.

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I --
15 let me just be clear. Are -- are these the ones
16 that we require in our -- I'm only tracking our
17 P.V. analysis.

18 MS. MACDONALD: Oh, okay.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So I'm
20 not -- I didn't count that one unless I get a
21 signal otherwise.

22 MR. BROWN: Well, I -- I think we
23 should talk later, because I'm not sure we'll need
24 do R.P.V. analysis for all of these.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I can log

1 them all if you want to.

2 MR. BROWN: Maybe not any of them,
3 but --

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, okay.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay,
6 Commissioner Blanco.

7 MR. BROWN: It depends on what
8 direction we go.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I just have a
10 question about the shape of that district. I know
11 we're always thinking about that, so just a little
12 bit more narrative. I know the other ones we --
13 we went by neighborhoods. Is this where -- just
14 explain it to me.

15 MS. MACDONALD: These are cities.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So this is --
17 but why are these cities going down and not cities
18 going -- you know, just, you know, why the choice
19 of these cities in one place? That's all. For
20 the record.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Because of the --
22 the C.O.I. testimony over on --

23 MS. BOYLE: So on -- on the west?
24 That's the Palos Verdes Estates C.O.I. area that
25 we established during the wrap-up. Here is Long

1 Beach, and we received a lot of testimony about
2 not splitting it or having -- separating the
3 ports, so going this way would have also put the
4 port in that district.

5 And going this way is the Carson
6 Compton District. It -- so. It could possibly go
7 this way, but it would --

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, Tor --
9 if we went to Torrance, it would also break up the
10 con -- contiguity on the beach; right?

11 MS. BOYLE: It would -- it goes all
12 the way to the beach here, so you'd have -- you
13 would break it, you would have to split Torrance
14 if you wanted to put -- keep going up the coast
15 here from Palos Verdes.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any
17 other comments on this district?

18 (No audible response.)

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Let's
20 move on. Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
22 might have missed it, but did we agree that we
23 wanted to look at it with Lennox in there? I'm
24 sorry. Okay, I -- I might have missed that.

25 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. This is the

1 Long -- Long Beach port District. I'm just going
2 to name them no matter, just in case somebody
3 wants a name.

4 This -- this only splits Long
5 Beach, and that is due to population equality, for
6 population equality reasons. We have 23.4 percent
7 Latino C.V.A.P. in here, 13.3 percent Asian, and
8 15.6 percent black C.V.A.P.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any comments
10 on this one? This sounds pretty close to what we
11 were given when we were there.

12 MS. MACDONALD: We're going to go
13 to Northeast L.A. now.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
15 Ms. MacDonald, when do you -- you said we had a
16 couple more on assembly. How many do we have on
17 the senate?

18 MS. MACDONALD: Six or seven on the
19 senate.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

21 MS. MACDONALD: They're nested, so.

22 Okay, so -- okay, this is --
23 this -- this is another plan that -- or
24 visualization that splits only L.A., and we have
25 in here Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Mt. Washington,

1 El Sereno, Elysian Park, 67.9 percent Latino
2 C.V.A.P.

3 Okay, East -- East Los Angeles, I'm
4 sorry, I couldn't see that. East Los Angeles is
5 also included here.

6 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And what are
7 we calling this district?

8 MS. MACDONALD: Northeast L.A.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
10 Ontai was -- just asked the question.

11 Any other questions on this one?

12 (No audible response.)

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Let's
14 move on.

15 MS. MACDONALD: San Fernando
16 Valley.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That's an
18 easy one; right?

19 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. No city
20 splits. What we're looking at here is Sylmar,
21 Lakeview Terrace, Arleta, Panorama City,
22 Sun Valley. This is called the East San Fernando
23 Valley District, 61.5 percent Latino C.V.A.P.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The only
25 comment I have is I -- I thought there was some

1 C.O.I. testimony about that, the 405 was not a
2 hard line as far as the -- the people who live
3 there felt, as there was some disagreement about
4 that, but -- and I don't know what that does if
5 you go over it. It probably would increase
6 this -- the Latino C.V.A.P. would be my guess.

7 MS. MACDONALD: I guess there's
8 some -- there's some seats around that that --
9 that basically led us to use the 405 line as a
10 boundary, but we can take that into consideration,
11 obviously.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Just have it
13 as -- as background, because several people have
14 brought that forward, particularly yesterday.

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: So that either
16 keeping North Hills, that North Hills -- oh, I
17 think they had an East North Hills, though, too.
18 We got some testimony about that.

19 One question I had was about --
20 we -- I think we got one person who talked
21 about --

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
23 Dai and then Commissioner Webber.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: -- about the
25 Sunland Tujunga area, that that was part of San

1 Fernando Valley. I mean, I suppose they could
2 also go the other way, but that was -- I think we
3 got some testimony about that, too. I don't know
4 what it does to the numbers.

5 MS. MACDONALD: That would be great
6 if you could give us direction to look into that.

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, please
8 look into that.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
11 Parvenu.

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just want
13 to be clear. It appears that you kept the
14 integrity of a neighborhood council boundaries
15 here. Well, I'm looking at the other maps as
16 well. Is that correct?

17 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. On -- on the
18 North Hill, I should say that North Hill
19 apparently crosses the -- the freeway there. So,
20 you know, now that we know that that's a soft
21 line, that could be -- you know, if -- if you give
22 us guidance that the neighborhood is -- is more
23 important than --

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

25 MS. MACDONALD: -- than the

1 freeway, then we'll look into that.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
3 Ancheta.

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:
5 Clarification. Is the layer that has these
6 various L.A. names, is that corresponding -- is
7 that matching the L.A. neighborhood councils?

8 MS. MACDONALD: The -- the layout
9 that we have is the neighborhood councils, yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. I
11 just wanted to be sure. Thank you.

12 MS. MACDONALD: That's the one
13 we've been -- because that seemed to be the --

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

16 MS. MACDONALD: -- the most
17 accurate.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Next.

19 MS. MACDONALD: West San Fernando
20 Valley. So this is -- this district includes
21 Chatsworth, Northridge, win -- Winnetka?

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Winnetka.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Winnetka, Lake
24 Balboa, Van Nuys, Reseda, and 27.6 percent Latino
25 C.V.A.P. It splits the -- of course, it's on the

1 other side of that North Hill neighborhood that we
2 just talked about goes across the 405, so this --
3 this will change a little bit.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
5 Parvenu.

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I see that
7 Lake Balboa has tried to divorce itself from Van
8 Nuys for many years. I see you've managed to
9 marry them back together again.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
11 Ontai.

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Just a
13 clarification. If I recall, some of these are
14 mixed neighborhoods and incorporated cities? Or
15 are they all neighborhoods?

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's all
17 part of L.A., I think.

18 MS. MACDONALD: These are -- except
19 for San Fernando outside of this particular
20 district, they're --

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's all Los
22 Angeles.

23 MS. MACDONALD: They're all L.A. --
24 Los Angeles neighborhoods.

25 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I see. Thank

1 you.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And
3 Commissioner Blanco, did you --

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes, I -- I
5 thought we heard a lot of testimony about Van Nuys
6 being kind of more east San Fernando Valley, sort
7 of traditionally in terms of where people -- I --
8 I remember there was -- like where people went to
9 shop and -- and that was part of the -- I may be
10 wrong, but I thought I heard a lot about Van Nuys
11 being more on the east side, even -- you know.
12 So. But may -- maybe other -- I would really
13 appreciate it if other people could check their
14 notes and comment. I --

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You might
16 take a look at -- is it V.I.C.A. group that made a
17 presentation? I didn't know whether they had that
18 or not.

19 Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
21 concur also due to my familiarity with the area
22 that, yeah, Van Nuys is seen, as I recall, more
23 east San Fernando Valley.

24 And in light of the presentations,
25 there were -- we did receive information that Bell

1 Canyon can only be accessed from West San Fernando
2 Valley. So they were concerned about Bell Canyon
3 being separated from San Fernando Valley, because
4 there was only one transportation corridor in
5 there.

6 So if we took Van Nuys out -- and I
7 know we've got population issues, because I -- I
8 was looking at Van Nuys in the last iteration,
9 because we were so close in population, so if we
10 considered those general instructions and -- and
11 not isolating Bell Canyon, that might be some
12 consideration.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
15 comments? Okay, let's -- oh, Commissioner Dai,
16 then Commissioner Parvenu.

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I think we
18 heard a lot of testimony about Granada Hills,
19 Porter -- Porter Ranch and Chatsworth in the Santa
20 Susana area, too. Ms. MacDonald?

21 MS. MACDONALD: I'm -- I'm very
22 sorry. I'm sorry. Would you please repeat the
23 question?

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: I believe we
25 heard a lot of testimony about Granada Hills,

1 Porter Ranch and Chatsworth kind of in the same
2 breath.

3 MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: So it seems like
5 maybe those should be kept together. I'm not sure
6 where we're going to put them, but they seem to be
7 talked about in the same breath.

8 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think that
10 moves further north with the other connections, if
11 I remember.

12 Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: But
14 that kinds of goes with the flow of what
15 Commissioner Forbes had just mentioned as well.
16 If we -- if -- I know we were looking at the last
17 reiteration with the 61.5 percent Latino.

18 If we added Van Nuys in there -- I
19 don't know exactly the stats in Van Nuys -- and --
20 and took out Sylmar from that last -- and then ran
21 Sylmar, Granada Hills, Porter Ranch to Chatsworth,
22 then you can bring down this West San Fernando and
23 add Bell Canyon with West Hills.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think the
25 V.I.C.A. group had Sylmar pretty much locked in

1 and --

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:

3 Locked in to -- oh, the valley. Oh, okay.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:

6 You're right.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Having lived
8 there, I think I could identify with that.

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Oh,
10 that's right, I'm taking the whole city of San
11 Fernando. Sorry. Sorry, San Fernando.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I didn't
13 talk about Norco, so I would appreciate it if
14 you'd watch your --

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Hands
16 off.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.
18 Any other comments, then?

19 Yes, Commissioner Parvenu.

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: This map
21 appears to be consistent with testimony we
22 received from the Armenian community as well. In
23 terms of ethnic breakdowns, do -- is it quick --
24 can -- do you have information on the Armenian
25 population that we can bring up quickly? If not,

1 that's okay.

2 MS. MACDONALD: We would have to
3 use a surname dictionary basically and --

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay.
5 That's more involved. No. Okay. I was just
6 curious. But I think it's consistent with what
7 we've heard.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any
9 other questions on this that you need direction?

10 MS. MACDONALD: I -- I think if
11 you're -- if you want to break for lunch, I think
12 we -- we need to strate- --

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Our lunch
14 doesn't show up till 1230.

15 MS. MACDONALD: Oh, okay. Okay.
16 So that -- that's good. Can -- can we just have
17 two minutes to confer?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You can have
19 three if you actually need it.

20 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Meanwhile, can
22 we discuss among ourselves here?

23 I recall some testimony about an
24 Iranian community, Reseda, Tarzana, Encino, West
25 Hills --

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: In the east
2 part of the valley, yeah. It was Iranian and --

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: And Armenian as
4 well.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And
6 Armenian, yes. And I think they're probably
7 captured in there, if I recall the conversation.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: They were
9 previous to us.

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. I just
11 wanted to make they weren't cut. I wasn't -- I
12 wasn't able to tell this last -- last bottom part
13 here.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
15 Ontai.

16 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Along that
17 line, and this is more of a social question, I --
18 I think when several -- several of the speakers
19 were talking about the Armenian community, they
20 also said there's quite a mingling of Jewish
21 people, Jewish community people in that same
22 organ -- group as well. Anybody hear the same
23 thing?

24 (No audible response.)

25 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Just a

1 comment.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So some
3 really easy right before lunch questions for you.
4 Could we perhaps talk about the fact that we need
5 to move from L.A. into Orange?

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

7 MS. MACDONALD: And where you might
8 want to do that, and I think that would be --

9 MS. BOYLE: In iteration three, I'm
10 looking at bringing -- in iteration three, I'm
11 looking at bringing potential districts down here
12 into L.A. to pick up La Palma and La Mirada -- or
13 La Mirada is already in L.A., but I crossed the
14 border here to pick up I think La Palma, and I
15 used La Habra as well.

16 MS. MACDONALD: Is -- is that
17 something -- is that something the Commission will
18 be able to live with?

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
20 Ancheta, then Commissioner Dai, then Commission --
21 oh, Commissioner Ward, you had your hand up first.

22 COMMISSIONER WARD: Can she repeat
23 that one more time? I'm sorry.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You need to
25 repeat your direct -- your description.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Would you please
2 repeat the -- the question? You -- you want a
3 description of why -- why we're asking for that
4 direction or what necessitates this?

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You were
6 describing the district -- you were describing the
7 district and he didn't get all of your
8 description.

9 MS. MACDONALD: She -- this is
10 really not a district that she's really worked on.
11 She just knows that that's the way the population
12 is flowing and there is a potential Section 2
13 district there that may necessitate her to go via
14 La Habra into -- into that -- that area, or take
15 La Habra and then also take --

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I
17 think I next in the queue, but I guess where are
18 you starting from to go into La Habra I guess
19 would be the question.

20 MS. BOYLE: I brought it into
21 this -- this is iteration three now that you're
22 looking that I'm -- it is my work in progress.
23 And I -- I picked up La Habra into this district
24 here.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And what are

1 you calling that district?

2 MS. BOYLE: This district here
3 is -- yes, this is the iteration three of Whittier
4 Pico Rivera. It only has a small portion, though.
5 I split Pico Rivera in this iteration, so Pico
6 Rivera split. It includes Whittier -- just a
7 minute. Let me take off the highlighting on the
8 district so I get the boundary correct. Thank
9 you.

10 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: Scratch
11 previous testimony. It's actually in a different
12 district.

13 MS. BOYLE: So in iteration three,
14 I looked at creating an Asian C.O.I. and moving it
15 east, and this is what I got. I needed La Habra,
16 though.

17 MS. MACDONALD: So it has Chino
18 Hills.

19 MS. BOYLE: Okay. Pardon me. I'll
20 read off all the cities. So it includes what
21 remains of El Monte from the split in the
22 section -- potential Section 2 Asian district
23 we're looking at. It has South El Monte, Avocado
24 Heights, yeah, Hacienda Heights, Industry,
25 La Puente. I think this is San Jose Hills here.

1 It includes Walnut, Diamond Bar,
2 and I went into Chino here as well. I'd like --
3 if that's okay with you. And then I picked up
4 La Habra. And this is based on the Asian C.O.I.
5 testimony.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Two questions.
7 Are there splits, and if, so where? And then the
8 second one: Is the num -- first number we're
9 seeing at this point, is that population? Is it
10 V.A.P.? Is it C.V.A.P.?

11 MS. MACDONALD: The -- the first
12 number in the black, in the large black box is
13 basically the deviation from the assembly
14 district.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: I'm
16 sorry, I -- what I meant was underneath the name
17 of the city, that first number that follows, is
18 that --

19 MS. MACDONALD: That is tote pop,
20 and what's underneath is V.A.P.

21 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:
22 Okay. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
24 Webber.

25 MS. MACDONALD: El Monte is split

1 in this particular --

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And
3 the 37.9 is Asian? Oh, no, just the -- this
4 district.

5 MS. MACDONALD: No, that's Latino
6 C.V.A.P.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.
8 Sometimes we've flipped it, so -- I thought you
9 said you were trying to create an Asian --

10 MS. MACDONALD: That was because
11 I -- I -- an Asian C.O.I., which didn't
12 necessarily mean it was -- that the Asian
13 population actually became the majority/minority.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And
15 what do you want to call it?

16 MS. BOYLE: Calling it Rolling
17 Heights.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.

19 MS. MACDONALD: So is this -- do we
20 have --

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: They're
22 asking you want to break into Orange County is
23 kind of the question here.

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I'm
25 sorry, can I see those numbers again real quick?

1 I'm sorry.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: So speaking of
3 breaking counties, I think we had some testimony
4 from the South Asian -- we had a South Asian
5 C.O.I. in -- in Artesia, Cerritos, and it went
6 into Buena Park, so I think you got La Palma but
7 not Buena Park?

8 MS. BOYLE: In talking to the
9 mapper and in her iteration she's working on, that
10 was okay with her.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay.

12 MS. MACDONALD: She will be here
13 this -- this afternoon, so you're talking to the
14 next mapper about that particular area. But this
15 is where we're talking about these borders right
16 now, because we need to figure out where we can
17 exchange population with your permission from one
18 region to the other so that we can actually put a
19 statewide map together.

20 She -- she may need to move east
21 from Long Beach into Orange and -- does that --
22 yeah, just tell -- tell us what you -- what you
23 absolutely don't want to see. Let -- let's --
24 let's approach it that way. Absolutely don't --
25 we hate it but we could live with it and this is a

1 really good idea. How about --

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, I --
3 I -- everything we heard was don't go into Orange
4 and Long Beach, yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
6 Exactly. And when we asked for clarification of
7 the members of the public, they agreed to go north
8 if you needed to look for people. So provided
9 that we have no Section 2 issue here on this side,
10 which it doesn't look like we do, going north has
11 consistently -- and again, I'm familiar with the
12 area and I know people that live in Seal Beach,
13 for instance, so that's a no-no.

14 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So that's
15 something you don't want to see. Could we just
16 walk -- may -- maybe it would help to just go
17 across the Orange County border and -- and -- and
18 just see if you can give us some idea of where --
19 if -- if things push toward Orange County,
20 where -- based on my three-point scale, we get a
21 no, a maybe, and a yes, absolutely.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Before I --
23 is your question related to that?

24 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I guess
25 it's a logistical, but I think this is a -- it

1 might be a very good tactic as we go through this,
2 because I think a lot of times we're providing our
3 feedback to them and it might be easier to some
4 degree, too, to make sure you ask us questions and
5 we can tell you. Otherwise, you're going to hear
6 a lot of different opinions all the time, so --

7 MS. MACDONALD: So here's the
8 county boundary is right there. So -- so how
9 would you like to do this? Should we just zoom in
10 a little bit on these areas and -- and just take a
11 look and you can given us some opinions? Would
12 that be okay?

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I was
14 thinking that, yeah, just as you said, just
15 following up the county line, and then you just
16 want assistance as to where we understand the
17 C.O.I. to cross that county line so then you can
18 work with your other mapper.

19 So, for instance, you were just at
20 La Palma. So we've given you the -- the direction
21 like with Long Beach will not cross over into --
22 to Seal Beach and Los Alamitos, and then you've
23 already said you were looking -- working on
24 La Palma. So you can just follow it all the way
25 up the county line.

1 MS. MACDONALD: So we've looked at
2 La -- I'm sorry. We need to move back up a little
3 bit. So we talked about La Habra already. Buena
4 Park.

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, that's
6 what I was saying, that was part of that C.O.I.
7 testimony, too.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: This is
9 Commissioner Dai speaking --

10 MS. MACDONALD: So that's an okay
11 crossing point?

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- then
13 Commissioner -- Commissioner Yao is next and then
14 Commissioner Webber.

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: I -- I don't
16 believe there was a lot of objection crossing over
17 county line between La Palma and Cerritos. I
18 think the Asians were pushing for that, or
19 ignoring the county line.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Then
21 Commissioner Webber, then Commissioner Ward.

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I was
23 just a little concerned about all of Buena Park,
24 because there might be cer- -- only certain areas
25 of Buena Park that might be closer to the county

1 line and closer to La Palma for the C.O.I.

2 So we may need to focus on that
3 rather than taking the whole city, because there
4 are other areas of Buena Park that have closer
5 ties to, you know, Knott's Berry Farm, you know,
6 the -- that entertainment group that's separate
7 and apart from what you're trying to capture with
8 the other South Asian groups in Artesia, Cerritos
9 and La Palma.

10 So if we had a little bit more
11 information on the C.O.I. testimony as to where
12 the borders might be in Buena Park, just looking
13 at that, that is probably okay to cross the county
14 line for that issue.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
16 Ward, then Commissioner Yao..

17 COMMISSIONER WARD: I concur
18 with -- with La Palma. I think the C.O.I.
19 testimony's been strong in -- in the -- the maps
20 that have been handed in. Buena Park, though,
21 I -- I think we'd have to have some pretty
22 compelling, in my opinion, testimony to -- to
23 break county lines to go into Buena Park.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
25 Yao.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: This is a
2 clarification question. Are we suggesting to
3 break up Buena Park, in other word, divide up
4 Buena Park based on the -- based on the last
5 comment about entertainment side and not the
6 entire city?

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Jodi, you
8 want to clarify that point?

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: What
10 I would like --

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: We suggested
12 that we may want to divide up Buena Park --

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: No,
14 I -- what I'm concerned with is -- is -- is
15 precisely what Commissioner Ward said. I was kind
16 of -- I personally have no recollection of any
17 testimony from Buena Park, so I was relying on
18 Commissioner Dai, but Commissioner Ward is clear
19 as well.

20 The association of this city with
21 Orange County is definitely closer than
22 Los Angeles, so I was wondering if Bonnie maybe
23 could maybe run Buena Park and see -- refresh our
24 recollection before we actually give this
25 direction of crossing the county line into Buena

1 Park.

2 So I'll kind of pull back from my
3 last comment.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
5 Dai and then Commissioner Raya.

6 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Excuse me.
7 If -- if Commissioner Dai doesn't mind my going, I
8 have a response on Buena Park.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, okay.

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Go ahead.

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I found a
12 number of people who talked about the north
13 county -- north Orange County bond, so to speak,
14 Fullerton, Brea, Buena Park, La Habra to -- to be
15 together, preferring to be together, and in -- in
16 general that people did not want to let us split
17 even within the county, so.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
19 Dai.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I recall
21 that it was primarily Artesia, Cerritos, and then
22 as supplementary testimony they included Hawaiian
23 Gardens, La Palma and Buena Park. So I think that
24 it's not as strong. I would agree.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:

1 Ms. MacDonald, have we -- have we helped or have
2 we hurt your -- your request?

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: We need to hold
4 off on Buena Park.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Buena
6 Park's a little iffy on -- on crossing country
7 lines right now, so --

8 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so that goes
9 in --

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: --
11 we'll probably hold off on crossing county lines
12 for Buena Park unless we have robust C.O.I.
13 testimony.

14 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so that goes
15 then into the -- into the middle category.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yes.

17 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you.

18 We also need to talk about the San
19 Bernardino area just to make sure. And we could,
20 of course, do that from the other side as well
21 when Alex is here.

22 So and this is not -- this is
23 really just so that in case she runs into this
24 situation, because she doesn't know that she will.

25 Just one second.

1 So that is the county boundary
2 right there. We'll put some labels up so we can
3 actually --

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: This an
5 anticipatory question.

6 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, it is. A lot
7 of these are, actually. So we don't have to have
8 another session on Memorial Day.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I will
10 reclassify, this is --

11 MS. MACDONALD: Is that a hard no?

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- an
13 important question.

14 MS. MACDONALD: Is that a hard no?
15 (Inaudible.)

16 MS. MACDONALD: No, I meant the
17 Memorial Day, calling you for -- for advice on
18 Memorial Day.

19 Okay. So --

20 MS. BOYLE: Do I have your
21 permission to cross over here and go into Victor
22 Valley and join Victor Valley possibly with parts
23 of Antelope Valley?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
25 Commissioner --

1 MS. BOYLE: If necessary.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: --
3 Filkins-Webber.

4 MS. BOYLE: I haven't worked on
5 this iteration yet.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay,
7 my first question is why the iteration exists in
8 crossing county lines unless that's bumping up
9 against what the -- I'm sorry, the prior member's
10 name escapes me -- what she did in Lancaster,
11 Palmdale. Is that why this one showed up like
12 this?

13 MS. BOYLE: It was based on the
14 visualization that you gave me -- or that Forbes
15 actually I think led me through in the region for
16 wrap-up. We were just looking at that. So if
17 that comes up that when I'm up there if that's
18 kind of where I need to go, I wanted to know if
19 that was okay with you.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
21 The -- the positive aspect of it is that these
22 communities do consider themselves the, quote,
23 high desert. I don't know where the split is to
24 the east. I don't know what that other white
25 square is to the east of the 15 that's being

1 blocked. No, down. Down, down. Right there.

2 What is that?

3 MS. BOYLE: I believe that's Apple
4 Valley.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay,
6 then you can't split Victorville from Apple
7 Valley, so -- they have to be together, because
8 they're considered the Victor Valley, and that's
9 the testimony that we've received, and the -- I
10 believe that would be supported for that area, so
11 Apple Valley would probably have to be with the
12 Victor Valley area.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
14 Forbes.

15 MS. MACDONALD: That's very
16 helpful.

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And as you
18 look at these, we have discussed this I think
19 yesterday, I -- you may have gone with Kern, but
20 the -- the -- the whole Bishop, Mammoth Lake way
21 to the north has to be connected somewhere, and so
22 you could go as far up 395 if you needed to
23 have -- use it for population.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner

1 DiGuilio.

2 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So just to
3 answer the question, is this something where we're
4 saying okay if it needs to, it's -- it's not an
5 absolute no, but we're hoping there's a lot of
6 other options first?

7 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, this is
8 basically a hypothetical, and there may be a
9 Section 2 implication that -- that might
10 necessitate something that looks somewhat like
11 this, so that's why we just wanted to look head.
12 So we will be working with V.R.A. counsel.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
14 Filkins-Webber.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Where
16 would that Section 2 be at?

17 MS. BOYLE: This is -- joining this
18 group and this group.

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well,
20 I mean, you're saying that a potential Section 2
21 would -- would -- may force this configuration, so
22 where is the Section 2 that would push into this?

23 MS. MACDONALD: It's unlikely,
24 apparently.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Oh,

1 okay, because --

2 MS. BOYLE: I just want to make
3 sure it was -- it was a visualization to cross
4 here. I actually wanted to clarify. This was
5 part of the visualization as well, and in -- in
6 investigating this for potential Section 2 issues,
7 I removed it.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

9 MS. BOYLE: And that's all that --
10 that was to that.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Keep
12 in mind that when you are considering crossing the
13 county lines, this -- this particular area, the
14 transportation corridor of the 15 through the
15 Cajon Pass down where it says 215, you've got a
16 lot of people from Victor Valley area that come
17 into the San Bernardino area for a number of
18 things, like doctors and -- and hospitals.

19 So just keep in mind that if we
20 needed to consider this district of -- of keeping
21 the Victor Valley whole, it's not bad as a whole
22 high desert idea of crossing the county line, but
23 if we can avoid it in coming further south for a
24 district into San Bernardino County and
25 maintaining the county line, that might be more

1 consistent with what the -- the public would
2 desire, but.

3 And we'll likely hear more of that
4 probably in our San Bernardino meeting.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think
7 everybody has worked so hard and moved rather
8 rapidly today, I would say, that it's time for
9 lunch. And for the Commission, their lunches are
10 right out the door, and in the spirit of
11 maintaining the -- what the university has
12 requested, it would be better if we ate outside.

13 (Whereupon, a luncheon recess was
14 held from 12:26 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.)

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1:20 p.m.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And just, again, to be helpful to our reporter, I'll try to do a better job of that, and if you could speak a little bit slower in some instances, because a lot of us are using terms that are not always familiar, and we want to make sure we get the record correct.

Ms. MacDonald.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So -- so we're now looking at a -- a senate map that has some -- I should say it's a map of L.A. that has some senate districts, some potential senate district visualizations on there.

Now, I should explain, again, just to refresh everyone's memory, there -- there are a number of iterations here that -- that Nicole's been working on, so that second iteration was the one where we already had some guidance.

Now, she worked off of the second iteration and tried to figure out whether it would be possible to nest some of the assembly districts

1 into the senate districts.

2 As I mentioned yesterday, there are
3 some areas in -- in the state where it's going to
4 be incredibly difficult to impossible to nest, but
5 there are some areas where the likelihood of
6 nesting is much, much, much higher, and this is
7 one of the areas.

8 So the way Nicole has approached
9 this particular situation is that she looked at
10 the district visualizations that she had created
11 in -- in iteration two, and then essentially
12 figured out whether or not she could nest them.

13 Then the next step of the process
14 will be to then look at whether that nesting
15 actually worked, whether there is a problem that
16 arose -- for example, did nesting create a V.R.A.
17 issue? Did nesting create city and county splits?
18 You know, county splits obviously less likely in
19 L.A., but, you know, just in general that's the
20 methodology that's being followed.

21 And then essentially the boundaries
22 would be adjusted? This is a very, very
23 preliminary look at some nested assembly districts
24 in L.A. based on iteration two, which was already
25 changed.

1 So this is really more of a visual
2 than it is anything else just because she --
3 every time she makes a -- with this methodology,
4 every time she does make a change to an assembly
5 district, she has to go back and then make that
6 change in the senate district as well.

7 So in terms of methodology, the
8 best -- the best way really to approach this is
9 to, you know, pretty much complete the best
10 possible visualization of all of the assembly
11 districts in this area and then take a look at
12 whether or not nesting is actually possible and
13 then make adjustments from there.

14 That is not necessarily the same
15 methodology you would use in -- in every one of
16 the regions in California, because California's
17 geography is just so varied and, you know, the
18 population breakdowns are just so varied and the
19 cities are not necessarily that closely together.

20 So -- so that's about the best that
21 I can explain how this process works but I would
22 invite some questions about the methodology or
23 about what you're seeing.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: As a
25 commission, are we comfortable with that approach?

1 (No audible response.)

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, let's
3 proceed.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So we could
5 look at these districts one by one, or if you --
6 or if you have a better idea, again, these have
7 changed already. Okay?

8 So we can look at what -- what
9 would have been had we not had the discussion
10 earlier, or -- or you can -- you could give us
11 general guidance about that you would like us to
12 proceed with this particular methodology and then
13 show you what that would actually look like on
14 Tuesday, Wednesday.

15 Wednesday is the next time we see
16 each other?

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

18 MS. MACDONALD: Wednesday, yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
20 Filkins-Webber and then Commissioner Ancheta.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
22 know we're just back from lunch, so maybe I'm a
23 little slower in getting back into this. For
24 instance, what you're showing us in the blue, is
25 that two assembly districts that are nested into

1 one?

2 MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.
4 So if you can just explain to me what the decision
5 would be to put those two together versus the
6 Compton Carson going with the Hawthorne District.
7 How -- how does that work? I guess what is your
8 methodology for selecting which two assembly
9 districts go into one?

10 MS. MACDONALD: There were two --
11 wrong way. In this particular instance, she put
12 two Section 2 -- potential Section 2 assembly
13 districts together. But the -- the decisions that
14 have to be made when you're looking at nesting is
15 also whether you can keep cities and -- and
16 jurisdictions and neighborhoods and, you know,
17 C.O.I. testimony and -- and whatnot, basically
18 everything else also together.

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So if
20 you find yourself splitting a city like we looked
21 at maybe with El Monte, you want to make sure you
22 put it next to the other district to make El Monte
23 whole for the senate?

24 MS. MACDONALD: That would be the
25 preference, yes --

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Thank
2 you.

3 MS. MACDONALD: -- so that you
4 don't, you know, duplicate the pain.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Now I
6 understand. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That was --
8 that was the "share the pain" strategy as I
9 recall.

10 Commission Ancheta, then
11 Commissioner Ontai, then Commissioner Yao.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I
13 guess as you're moving forward with any individual
14 descriptions of the districts -- you identified
15 one which is sort of pairing two Section 2
16 districts.

17 If -- if there are any issues where
18 nesting one Section 2 and one that's not a Section
19 2 results in a district that's a senate district
20 that's below Section 2 thresholds, if you could
21 just identify -- if -- if they come up, if you
22 could identify those.

23 MS. MACDONALD: We will do that in
24 the future. Since we've changed the underlying
25 districts already, it would be kind of premature

1 to do that, but absolutely. And I -- I suppose it
2 would be -- yeah, I mean, we can talk about it
3 on -- on Wednesday. And I -- I want to confer
4 with V.R.A. counsel, of course, about -- about
5 this as well.

6 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
8 Ontai.

9 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So are we
10 moving from left to right and are those outlined
11 areas the senate districts, proposed senate
12 districts?

13 MS. MACDONALD: We can make the
14 boundaries a little bigger, but these are really
15 just some visualizations of what might have been
16 had we stopped at iteration two.

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So the first
18 one, what are we calling that?

19 MS. MACDONALD: The first one on
20 the left?

21 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes.

22 MS. MACDONALD: This -- Inglewood
23 Compton.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is that it,
25 Commissioner Ontai?

1 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I'm done.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

3 Commissioner Yao.

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: The question I
5 have is: Is there a general goal in term of
6 maximizing the number of Section 2 senate
7 districts? In other words, it's -- it's a process
8 question more than a question associated with
9 what's in front of us.

10 If there is, then, perhaps
11 combining a Section 2 assembly with an non-Section
12 assembly may give you greater opportunity to -- to
13 generate the maximum number of Section 2 senate.
14 So I -- I need to -- to -- to see whether that is
15 or should be part of our strategy or not.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Mr. Brown.

17 MR. BROWN: So I don't -- the
18 answer is no. There's not a goal of maximizing
19 the Section 2 senate districts. So just like with
20 the assembly districts, the question is: Are you
21 required to draw a particular district because of
22 Section 2 to avoid a violation?

23 And so if putting two adjacent
24 assembly districts together would result in a
25 compact area with more than 50 percent majority

1 C.V.A.P., then you're headed down the path of
2 perhaps having one that's required. If that's not
3 the case, then you have to have some other
4 justification for putting those two together.

5 So again, it's not an easy task,
6 particularly where you have -- with the largest
7 group, the Latino group, it's -- I'd be interested
8 in what the mappers have to say, but it's not
9 necessarily an obvious task about which ones you
10 match with -- with --

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: So we should
12 continue to use the goal of matching the most
13 likely community of interest in combining the
14 assembly districts into senate districts?

15 MR. BROWN: I think that would make
16 sense as a first pass.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
18 Commissioner Parvenu, do you have a question?

19 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah, I'm
20 just saying that my initial reaction here, I see
21 the logic, but what the net result of this will be
22 is that there are two senate districts where
23 African Americans are considered competitive in
24 this region, 25 and 26, and this will result in
25 diminished -- an area where the African-American

1 candidates will -- will have less ability to
2 compete for senate seats because that's -- this is
3 consolidated into one senatorial area.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
5 Filkins-Webber.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: As I
7 understand it, I'm afraid we can't consider that.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
9 Constitutionally, we are prohibited.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
11 mean, based on, yeah, the California constitution.
12 And obviously Mr. Brown can chime in on that.

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Point well
14 taken.

15 MR. BROWN: I -- I agree that we
16 shouldn't be considering the existing incumbents
17 or existing districts or impact of lines on
18 particular districts, with maybe one asterisk, and
19 that is that if we get to the point of considering
20 the totality of the circumstances, we might look
21 at prior success of the African-American community
22 in electing their preferred candidates.

23 I think that's different from
24 looking at incumbents and existing districts.

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Let -- let

1 me clarify. I wasn't speaking specifically about
2 incumbents or elected officials. I didn't want
3 to -- I'm just saying that -- I'll just withdraw
4 my statement. I wasn't speaking specifically of
5 existing elected officials, because I have no, you
6 know, preference, being nonpartisan.

7 To that effect, I simply wanted
8 to make the point that this appears that there's
9 just one particular district, and I was concerned
10 about the consolidation of -- of the votes in that
11 one area.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any
13 other questions?

14 (No audible response.)

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

16 MS. MACDONALD: So where I would
17 like to go from here is that I -- I would like to
18 confer with Mr. Brown on -- on some of the other
19 areas, because what -- what Nicole has worked out
20 here on this particular plan are just the -- the
21 areas that were nested.

22 So I want to make sure there aren't
23 any other V.R.A. concerns that we need to
24 incorporate. And then I think this is all we have
25 to show you for right now for the senate, and I

1 would like to move to congress if that's okay.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We --

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4 MS. MACDONALD: And -- and -- and I
5 have one more question, actually. In -- in terms
6 of, again, the -- these exchanges on where to go
7 from one map or region to the other, should we
8 generally assume that you would like us to observe
9 the same rules that you give us for the assembly
10 also for the senate?

11 Or does this go with the "spread
12 the pain" principle of if we have to, you know,
13 perhaps go across a -- a county border in some
14 particular city, should we try to avoid doing the
15 same thing unless we have some sort of C.O.I.
16 testimony or some sort of other direction from
17 you?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
19 Dai.

20 MS. MACDONALD: And then bring
21 that -- bring that back? If there's some sort of
22 a rule of thumb, that -- that would be nice to
23 know.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, maybe I
25 can try to formulate. I think that in general you

1 should follow the guidance that we gave you for
2 the assembly, but if we caused pain, to try to fix
3 it in the senate where we split something in
4 particular. So I think the South El Monte -- or
5 El Monte example was a good one. I think that's
6 a -- that's a good general rule of thumb.

7 Any -- anybody else have some
8 refinements to that.

9 (No audible response.)

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I believe we
11 can move on from -- from that suggestion, yes.

12 Commissioner Yao.

13 COMMISSIONER YAO: I just want to
14 throw out something and see whether we can reach
15 some kind of general agreement. For small to very
16 small cities, pick a number, 20 thousand -- 20
17 thousand population, should we set an objective
18 and try not to split those very small cities?

19 In other words, given the choice of
20 splitting bigger cities versus smaller cities, the
21 preference is to try not to split the small
22 cities.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think the
24 problem you run into going by size is it's where
25 the city is located relative to the district.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: No, I understand
2 that, but -- but often we do have choices in term
3 of which city to split to come out with the exact
4 population, and -- and I'm simply suggest that
5 if -- if everything else being equal, then perhaps
6 the -- the pain will be less to split the bigger
7 city as compared to the smaller city.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
9 commissioners want to comment on that?

10 Commissioner Ancheta.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I
12 think that's hard because it assumes all other
13 things are equal. I'm not sure we can always
14 determine when all other things are equal.

15 I understand the interest that --
16 Commissioner Yao has identified. I -- I don't
17 feel comfortable sort of ranking cities, though,
18 because I think there's two many variables going
19 into location and what -- what other things are
20 happening to try to create a district. But -- but
21 I understand what you're -- what you're getting
22 at.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
24 Ms. MacDonald.

25 MS. MACDONALD: I mean, as you can

1 see from the maps that we've shown you, that is
2 one of our concerns, and we -- we always, always,
3 always try to avoid splits wherever we can, small,
4 large, you know. And if it's just not avoidable,
5 we -- you know, with previous direction we got
6 from you was to not to split too -- too much or
7 more than necessary. I mean, that's obviously
8 something we observe anyway.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.
10 The next area.

11 MS. MACDONALD: So -- so then we'll
12 go to -- to congress. That will take one minute
13 just to pull up another map.

14 And -- and just to clarify one more
15 time what -- what I'm hoping we're going to get to
16 today is that what you will see -- what you might
17 see on -- on Wednesday is some areas that actually
18 just have placeholders and don't have districts,
19 because we may not have guidance from you on what
20 to do in those areas at all.

21 And the -- the reason for that is
22 we -- we are looking at the information that we
23 have from you so far, we're conferring with V.R.A.
24 counsel, and we're filling in the blanks that way,
25 and then we're looking at, you know, what areas

1 are missing, where -- where do we not have
2 direction, where do we not have visualizations
3 from the wrap-ups.

4 So what we're trying to get to
5 today is just a point where we know where the
6 one -- where one mapper can exchange what we call
7 exchange population with another mapper. The --
8 you know, the borders that you've set from one
9 region to another, you know, where does it make
10 sense to actually go across.

11 Just like the -- the conversation
12 we had yesterday about Inyo and, you know, moving
13 south, that was a very easy one and, you know, we
14 need to do that basically to go from one mapper
15 region to the other so we can actually put some
16 sort of a skeleton of a statewide map together for
17 you next week to look at.

18 And -- and then we see, you know,
19 where we're falling down and where you'd like to
20 make changes so we can fill this picture in --

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

22 MS. MACDONALD: -- before the 10th.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Then let's
24 move to the congress.

25 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So these are

1 the congressional maps and -- or visualizations,
2 rather, and -- and again, Nicole used the same
3 methodology that I've described earlier, so
4 essentially what -- what you will see here is --
5 and -- and I know many of you have looked at the
6 submissions by the various groups and when you
7 see, you know, what they're considering to be
8 Section 2 districts, they're usually not, you
9 know, 60 or 70 percent or something like that.

10 But when you're drawing with the
11 methodology that we've employed, which is really
12 looking at all of the criteria and trying not to
13 split, you know, communities of interest going
14 with the testimony that we've received and the
15 guidance we've received from you, then, you know,
16 sometimes you just get not necessarily perfectly
17 populated areas in terms of the racial breakdowns.

18 So this particular district is
19 called the Covina -- the Covina Congressional
20 District, and I will just read off the cities that
21 are in there. Starts with Monrovia, Duarte,
22 Azusa, Glendora and then Charter Oak, Baldwin
23 Park, El Monte.

24 Avocado Heights we're looking at
25 whether El Monte is whole or split in this right

1 now. Industry, West Covina and Charter Oak is in
2 there as well. And this has a Latino C.V.A.P. of
3 52.56 percent.

4 Just a second. We're looking at
5 this -- I'm assuming you're interested in the city
6 boundary for El Monte; yes?

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
8 Filkins-Webber.

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: While
10 you're looking that up, can you tell me, was this
11 iteration created for the possibility of a Section
12 2 congressional district for Latinos?

13 MS. MACDONALD: Well, again, this
14 is -- again, with the entire -- using -- you know,
15 keeping cities and counties together, using all of
16 the different -- using all -- all of the different
17 criteria together, this is -- and looking also at,
18 of course, concentrations of the population as we
19 saw earlier, so -- so basically everything
20 together got us to this particular district.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: The
22 reason I ask, because the -- the coloration that
23 you have up there is Latino?

24 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, that is Latino
25 on there, and El Monte, by the way, is not split

1 in here, so El Monte is whole.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.
3 So you were trying to capture population similar
4 to the assembly district. The reason I'm asking
5 is because if you pull the map down going north,
6 we do have quite a bit of testimony and obviously
7 a presenter regarding the -- the Foothill
8 district.

9 And what I'm a little concerned
10 with here, even though we might be respecting that
11 with this district if we went north is some of the
12 effect it might have on Claremont, and I will
13 defer to Commissioner Yao on where we were looking
14 at the Foothill districts, because obviously it
15 wouldn't be one long district, because there's
16 sufficient population to create several.

17 So just if the -- the focus was to
18 create a congressional district for Section 2
19 purposes and if this is the area where the
20 population is compact for those numbers, I just
21 want to make sure I have a better understanding
22 when we start to butt up against item four,
23 because obviously priority two, you know, takes
24 precedent over four. I just want to make sure I
25 have an understanding for this district that's

1 presented.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Correct. Well,
3 there are some high concentrations and -- and
4 compact area of minority populations, of course,
5 in this area.

6 And actually, if you wouldn't mind
7 zooming out a little bit so we can see the entire
8 area.

9 And -- and so basically keeping
10 that in mind, obviously, we can look at whether we
11 can take some of the -- the Duarte and Glendora
12 area out of this district, but it may put pressure
13 onto another compact minority area so -- but, you
14 know, with -- with guidance -- again, we had some
15 guidance earlier.

16 Obviously we didn't incorporate
17 that into these iterations because it takes a long
18 time to come up with them, you know. We can --
19 if -- as far as you want to tell us that your
20 guidance from previous plans carries forward to
21 also these, then that -- that would be -- you
22 know, if -- that's just something that we can look
23 into.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
25 Yao.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: Looking at the
2 Latino concentration, what would that district
3 look like if we were to -- to nest two assembly
4 district from the previous presentation? Would
5 that still get us close to the C pad number?

6 MS. MACDONALD: These are actually
7 congressional districts we're looking at, so this
8 is not a senate district.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
11 comments?

12 (No audible response.)

13 MS. MACDONALD: Should we move to
14 the next one?

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, please.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: (Inaudible) for
17 El Monte.

18 MS. MACDONALD: El Monte is whole.

19 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry?

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: El Monte is
21 whole.

22 MS. MACDONALD: That was Marian
23 Johnston who asked what the decision was on El
24 Monte.

25 THE REPORTER: And the answer?

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

2 MS. MACDONALD: It's whole.

3 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

4 MS. MACDONALD: This one is -- this
5 one is called the Whittier district for
6 Commissioner Ancheta or -- and this particular
7 district has -- and -- and you can see that the
8 populations are fairly -- are -- are still not
9 close to one person, obviously. It's -- it's 131
10 people under right now. And the Latino C.V.A.P.
11 is 53.99 percent.

12 The cities that are in here are
13 Pico Rivera, West Whittier, Whittier, East La
14 Mirada, La Mirada, Buena Park, Norwalk, Bellflower
15 and Downey. No splits.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
17 Dai.

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: I'm not sure
19 Buena Park would go in that grouping. I think we
20 had some testimony about Whittier, La Mirada and
21 La Habra, so you're going to maybe go the other
22 way instead.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we'll look
24 into that.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other

1 comments?

2 COMMISSIONER WARD: Commissioner
3 Dai got me.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: She -- she
5 snuck in there and got you. Okay.
6 And Commissioner Yao.

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: I may be causing
8 you to look at things out -- out of your seat --
9 your order. Is there a potential Asian Section 2
10 cities on La Habra Heights, Rowland Heights,
11 Diamond Bar and on up that way? Have you looked
12 at that already?

13 MS. MACDONALD: We -- we haven't
14 looked at it. We haven't looked at whether the
15 Asian population is compact enough to actually --
16 you know, whether you have geographic compactness
17 and -- and the numbers for that, but we can
18 investigate that.

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: We move into the
20 La Habra Height area, that's what -- Rowland
21 Height, you're going to be impacting that, so
22 that's the only concern.

23 MS. MACDONALD: So you would like
24 us to investigate that?

25 COMMISSIONER YAO: Take a -- take a

1 casual look and see whether there is or is not. I
2 don't want you to spend a lot of time.

3 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. We will
4 investigate it casually.

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: I -- I agree
6 with you, I don't think there is, but I don't know
7 for sure.

8 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Give it a --
10 give it a wink. Okay.

11 Any other comments?

12 (No audible response.)

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

14 MS. MACDONALD: There is -- so here
15 we have -- which -- now we're looking at the Long
16 Beach port District, and I just want to make sure
17 one more time that we start with C.O.I. testimony
18 when -- when we're drawing okay, so.

19 Okay. I'm going to -- it's the one
20 in the middle and we're trying to make it a little
21 more visible here.

22 But we have in there is Lynwood,
23 South Gate, Bell Gardens, Huntington Park.
24 There's a lot more in there. Cudahy, South Gate,
25 Florence-Graham, Paramount, parts of Long Beach,

1 all the way down to the port, and this includes
2 the port.

3 And what we have here in terms
4 of -- okay, the population in here is 59.91
5 percent Latino. Yeah. Okay. 7.26 percent Asian.
6 This is all C.V.A.P. And 15.81 percent black.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
8 Filkins-Webber, Commissioner Yao.

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Now,
10 we're talking about the yellower portion --

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And Andre
12 Par -- Commissioner Parvenu.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: --
14 east of the 710; correct?

15 MS. MACDONALD: Correct, yes.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I apologize.

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: East
18 of the 710. My question is why doesn't that
19 include Lakewood and all of Long Beach?

20 MS. MACDONALD: Well, Long Beach --
21 Long Beach, for one, is -- is too big to put into
22 that district, and also this looks like a
23 potential Section 2 district, and as you -- and
24 it's moved -- it's based on C.O.I. testimony as
25 well.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well,
2 this is where I have the question, which was
3 raised by Commissioner DiGuilio to the
4 M.A.L.D.E.F. presenters. Every district
5 throughout Southern California can be a Section 2
6 district no matter how you draw it.

7 And that's what this looks like to
8 me, going all the way down to the port, and then I
9 don't know what you're going to do with Long Beach
10 and Lakewood. I know that it needs to be split,
11 but now we would be looking at crossing county
12 lines for a congressional district between Long
13 Beach and Orange County, which I'm a bit concerned
14 about.

15 So my question is when we -- when
16 you get in -- this doesn't look compact for the
17 population for a Section 2 for a congressional
18 district either based on how yellow it is down
19 near the port versus going all the way up to where
20 the concentration is at. So that's just my just
21 brief obser- -- observations.

22 MS. MACDONALD: There -- there was
23 just a lot of testimony about being connected
24 to -- to the port area so that I think that's what
25 basically resulted in that shape was that people

1 said that even though they were, you know, quite
2 far away, they felt like they were affected by the
3 port because of the traffic and all of that, so.

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well,
5 that leads me to another question that we had had
6 a discussion about, and we certainly can save this
7 for next week, because what my understanding was
8 of using C.O.I. is recognizing those areas of
9 testimony that we were not drawing districts based
10 on C.O.I.

11 We were just going to make sure
12 that when we follow our other criteria, given that
13 C.O.I. is number four, that we respect C.O.I., not
14 draw per C.O.I. And so there's where there is a
15 little bit of concern with this district.

16 MS. MACDONALD: This -- this also,
17 though, keeps all of these -- there's also no
18 splits in there, so it's keeping a lot of
19 communities together.

20 You know, and -- and sometimes when
21 you're trying to do that and -- and trying not to
22 split communities, it's -- just for population
23 purposes, you end up with configurations that
24 otherwise you may not.

25 But, you know, that's why we're

1 here, so just please give us direction of what
2 you'd like to see.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
4 Yao.

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: I think there is
6 great economic advantage to have a senate district
7 containing both the Los Angeles Port and Long
8 Beach port being two of the world's biggest
9 seaport. So I don't recall whether we have a lot
10 of testimony from the port operators, but
11 looking -- looking at it in -- in term of at -- at
12 the top layer, there certainly is -- is great
13 advantage to combine the ports together.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's been a
15 while since I was involved, but I -- I think they
16 are really under separate administration -- is
17 that -- Commissioner Parvenu, do you know? Part
18 of Los Angeles is really quite different from the
19 port of Long Beach as far as management.

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That's
21 correct.

22 COMMISSIONER YAO: No, I understand
23 that, but looking at it from a congressional
24 representation, having all the ports under one --
25 one person or one district would be a great

1 economic advantage for the -- for that particular
2 industry.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
4 Parvenu, you're next, then we have Ward, DiGuilio
5 and Blanco.

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just
7 wanted the mappers to zoom into that area just
8 north of Willowbrook, if you could, please. The
9 area north of Willowbrook.

10 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, we'll pull it
11 up.

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Could you
13 zoom in for a moment? That's historically the
14 Watts community. I just want to make sure that --
15 could you zoom into that area right over where it
16 says 105? I want to see what the streets are.

17 Okay, looks like --

18 MS. MACDONALD: Just a second. We
19 have to load the streets up. Just one second.

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That area has
21 historically been separated, divided up.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Did that
23 help, Commissioner Parvenu?

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes.

25 MS. MACDONALD: That's why we

1 usually don't have that layer up.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: It actually
3 does. It actually does. Okay.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just
6 wanted to know what that northern boundary street
7 is. I think it's around 92nd or 93rd. Okay. All
8 right. That's -- I'm fine with that. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
10 Commissioner Ward.

11 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you. I
12 just share Commissioner Filkins-Webber's concern
13 about the criteria used to craft this particular
14 visualization. I noticed when you put it up, you
15 made the statement, "We start with C.O.I.
16 testimony when we're drawing." Did you mean just
17 this district or in general?

18 MS. MACDONALD: In general. In
19 general. I mean, we use -- we basically use --
20 use everything, but you've got to start somewhere,
21 you know, so we look at whatever guidance we've
22 received from you, we look at, you know, the --
23 the city populations. I mean, you really use
24 everything in -- just at the same time, but it's
25 not like we're looking at race and trying to draw,

1 you know, racial districts here. That was my
2 point.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Did that
4 answer your question, Mr. Ward?

5 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
7 Commissioner DiGuilio.

8 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Okay, what
9 I'm -- I'm just going to throw maybe an
10 alternative to explore. If you have to split Long
11 Beach, as I understand that to be the case, is
12 there a way to -- to swing down and get Lakewood
13 and the northern part of that and leave -- split
14 the -- the top part of Long Beach and keep it
15 south?

16 I'm not sure if that's an option or
17 if there's issues around Section 2.

18 And the only other -- the only
19 other comment I would make is -- well,
20 Commissioner Yao has -- there is some legitimacy,
21 too, I think to having ports together. I -- I
22 still feel like when you have two very powerful
23 ports, it's -- it's usually in the best interest
24 to have them split up to share the power.

25 That's just usually -- that's kind

1 of my take on that.

2 But the other one was just whether
3 or not you could swing around on the top and -- so
4 you don't get that long arm coming down.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
6 Blanco.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I
8 wanted to just get some clarification from both
9 mappers and -- and Mr. Brown. We had been going
10 heavily on C.O.I. and I thought that's what we had
11 agreed at the beginning of the session that we'd
12 go -- we'd go by neighborhoods, cities, C.O.I.,
13 obviously population.

14 But my -- my question is: If -- if
15 you don't -- if you don't elevate C.O.I., then
16 where do you start?

17 I mean, you just say, okay, let's
18 draw a congressional district. What -- so my
19 question would be to Mr. Brown: We -- we have
20 testimony here about -- a lot of it about -- that
21 keeping one -- Compton Carson -- very, very strong
22 testimony and then a lot of testimony about it
23 being connected because of even, not just
24 transportation, but issues having to do with
25 employment and all of that.

1 If we don't go with C.O.I., what
2 would be the thing that we would go with here in
3 terms of drawing a congressional district?

4 MR. BROWN: Is that for me? So
5 when you're in a situation where you have not
6 concluded that you had must draw the district
7 because of Section 2, then it's all the other
8 criteria. So I assume it's everything that's in
9 that paragraph d of Article 21, and that is
10 cities, neighborhoods, communities of interest.

11 And then I think the concern for
12 the Commission needs to be that with respect to
13 cities and neighborhoods, those are the kinds of
14 things where you can get really good, objective
15 evidence on and get -- be comfortable that you've
16 got it right.

17 With respect to communities of
18 interest, you need to test your evidence to make
19 sure you've got what the commissioners believe is
20 reliable evidence to support whatever choices are
21 being made.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
23 Blanco, does that answer your question?

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes, it does.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

1 Commissioner Dai.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: So I'm trying to
3 understand why we couldn't keep Long Beach whole
4 in this scenario, because as I understand it, Long
5 Beach's population is 461,522? So is there any
6 reason why we couldn't keep it whole?

7 MS. BOYLE: It could be --

8 MS. MACDONALD: It's just -- it's
9 just a different iteration, basically. And these
10 are very preliminary congressional districts. I
11 mean, she's been -- you saw the work that went
12 into the assembly districts, I assume, and she did
13 three iterations on those.

14 She started working with the senate
15 districts. I'm telling you that we -- we're just
16 running against time and -- you know, so these
17 aren't -- these are very, very preliminary so that
18 you have something to comment on, you can give us
19 some guidance, and then we can go from there.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I think
21 you should accept these comments as guidance.

22 Commissioner Malloy.

23 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:
24 Never quite close enough. I would feel less
25 comfortable at this point connecting the two

1 ports. I think that the C.O.I. testimony was very
2 clear in that the corridor immediately adjacent to
3 the Long Beach port wanted to be connected to the
4 Long Beach port.

5 I understand kind of the rationale
6 in thinking about connecting the two ports, but in
7 absence of either, you know, local community
8 members, industry, we really haven't seen that
9 come up. We may see that as we go farther along.

10 But I'm -- when I think of the
11 perspective of the kind of individual resident,
12 individual voter, I'm not convinced in regards to
13 the many environmental issues that come up around
14 the ports that consolidating all of that power
15 into one district is actually what would be in the
16 best interest of the individual voter.

17 So that may be something we get
18 more C.O.I. testimony later on in the process.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I have a
20 question from Commissioner Parvenu. If you could
21 drop down so we could see both ports.

22 Each of those ports has their own
23 transportation north; is that correct? So the --
24 the traffic is --

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: They both

1 use the 710 primarily.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. So
3 that -- that addresses why you might -- why you
4 could keep them separate if you chose to do that.

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And they're
6 both connected with the Alameda corridor, which is
7 a joint partnership.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
9 Raya.

10 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I've just been
11 doing a little research over here.

12 (Inaudible.)

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: No, we were
14 advised we could look at objective evidence.

15 The Port of Long Beach, the
16 commissioners are appointed by the mayor of Long
17 Beach. Obviously, the mayor of L.A. appoints the
18 L.A. Harbor commissioners. In just reading a
19 little bit about -- about their operations and
20 management, I don't know if that's some -- I'm
21 just throwing it out there as, you know,
22 consideration for how they do or do not relate to
23 each other.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
25 Commissions Filkins-Webber.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: Just for general
2 directions, we might wish to consider, given
3 the -- the impact Long Beach City has, based on
4 their population as well, their connection to the
5 port, and looking through the -- the testimony at
6 the time of the input hearing, a lot of people
7 want to keep Long Beach whole.

8 So if there is another iteration
9 that you can look at in -- in respecting Long
10 Beach with the Long Beach port, as I do support
11 the fact that the ports should probably be
12 different, because there's a whole host of number
13 of issues and trust funds and whatnot that
14 separate the two ports.

15 So just as general direction in
16 looking at when you're working with this area,
17 maybe that might be something else to look at.
18 But if you do come across a circumstance where
19 this might get into Section 2, then we have to
20 consider it, but maybe we can keep the city whole.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
23 DiGuilio.

24 MS. MACDONALD: We'll take a look
25 at it.

1 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: And that
2 was just to mirror what I -- what I had suggested
3 earlier was to, you know, drop the -- have the
4 line go -- curve around to the Orange County
5 border, and then you could keep the harbor with a
6 big part of Long Beach City, whatever you have to
7 do it based on population you could split. See if
8 that's a viable option.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we'll take a
10 look at that.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other --
12 Commissioner Dai.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Could you pull
14 the map down a little bit? I -- I just wanted to
15 point out -- again, trying to be consistent
16 previous direction, the -- the C.O.I. testimony we
17 had about Artesia and Cerritos, it looks like they
18 got separated in this version.

19 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, they did, just
20 for population purposes.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Right. So I'm
22 just wondering if -- if -- if we try something
23 different down there, it might fix the issue up
24 there, too.

25 MS. MACDONALD: Sure.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Can we move
2 on to the next district?

3 (No audible response.)

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: After you
5 take your notes down.

6 MS. MACDONALD: So this is the
7 other Port District. So this is the L.A. Port
8 District, and -- okay, I'm going to read the
9 cities off, so Hawthorne, West Athens, Gardena,
10 Los Angeles.

11 MS. BOYLE: Parts of Los Angeles.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Parts of
13 Los Angeles. Of course it's not whole.
14 Willowbrook, West Compton, Compton, Carson, West
15 Carson, San Pedro neighborhood, and then this is
16 the -- this is the harbor and the port.

17 So we have -- this is a 35.51
18 percent Latino district, 11 percent Asian, and
19 32.89 percent black. And it's overpopulated right
20 now.

21 Would you like to give us some
22 feedback on that particular configuration?

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
24 Parvenu, Commissioner Blanco, Commissioner Dai.

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: On the

1 westernmost -- on the westernmost portion right
2 there, is that part that jettisons out, is that
3 the boundary of Hawthorne? Is that why it's --
4 what's, that, Del Aire?

5 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. You
7 said it's overpopulated by -- not by much, though.

8 MS. MACDONALD: It's overpopulated
9 by 2,646.

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. All
11 right. Okay, thank you. I'm just looking for
12 areas to decrease population.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Talking
14 congressional districts, that's a lot.

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah.
16 Looking for areas to depopulate in this area, but
17 it doesn't look like that's quite it.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Then
19 Commissioner Blanco.

20 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, so a little
21 guidance on -- on where to -- where to take
22 population out if you generally like this
23 particular configuration would be very helpful.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: My question

1 is about but now we have two districts side by
2 side that are sort of longitudinal. I think what
3 some people -- a lot of us are reacting to is sort
4 of something that doesn't look compact, that goes
5 long. We've been kind of used to drawing these
6 things that are a little bit more compact.

7 And so I'm curious about whether
8 they're inter-related, in other words, if one goes
9 long like that, does that then have an impact on
10 the other one also becoming sort of this long
11 north to south?

12 You know, I just -- I can -- I can
13 tell that -- that this is troubling for some of us
14 that where it doesn't look compact, and I'm trying
15 to figure out whether we -- if we do one, we're
16 bound to do the other one in the same way. I'm
17 just curious --

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think in
19 this case if we went for keeping Long Beach whole,
20 then you would only have one long one, yeah.

21 Commissioner Dai.

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, and I
23 think this may just be a population issue again,
24 but noting that the testimony we had again about
25 Inglewood, Lennox and Hawthorne being together, I

1 don't know if it's possible to push that into that
2 district and then try to capture Lynwood. Again,
3 I -- I know may cause a problem here with the
4 district on this side, but it might work in one of
5 those configurations.

6 MS. MACDONALD: Where would you
7 like to remove people if you want to go over
8 there?

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, what I was
10 suggesting is that maybe we can replace Hawthorne
11 with Lynwood and therefore be able to potentially
12 put Inglewood, Lennox and Hawthorne together in
13 the blue district.

14 But like I said, that would depend
15 on how it flows. That might go with the keeping
16 Long Beach whole option. Obviously, you're going
17 to have see which one of these work, but just a
18 suggestion.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
20 Commissioner -- respond.

21 MS. MACDONALD: No, go ahead. Go
22 ahead.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
24 Commissioner Ontai, then Commissioner Yao.

25 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: The -- the

1 Asian C.V.A.P. is 11.17. Could you somehow show
2 where the Pacific Islander communities are?

3 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. It will take
4 a second. Okay, she has to add another layer, so
5 it's going to take a couple minutes, actually.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So why
7 don't -- Commissioner Yao, why don't you ask your
8 question and then we'll see if we can get into it,
9 unless it's the same question.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: No. When it
11 comes to balancing the congressional district down
12 to one person, we -- I don't see any way of not
13 splitting cities. So try to keep cities whole
14 probably should be changed to try to keep the
15 number of cities from -- too many number of cities
16 from getting split is by more realistic objective
17 than trying to keeping your cities whole.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: In this
19 case, we're probably going to have to split census
20 tracts, if I had to bet.

21 MS. MACDONALD: The only way you
22 can do this is you take block by block and
23 basically you're going to be picking blocks.
24 That's what we're going to be doing is basically
25 labeling all the blocks and then just figuring out

1 which block has the proper population. That's why
2 you have so many city splits, and that's also what
3 we're going to probably get with the legislative
4 plans in the end.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:

6 Ms. MacDonald, I think our problem is, given when
7 you're down to 2,000 people, it's kind of hard for
8 us to say where you might want to take those out.
9 And I think what we're trying to say is if you
10 have to break a city up or break a tract up, go
11 for the one that makes the most sense and then
12 let's -- let us look at it.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. I appreciate
14 that. We'll take that as general guidance, then.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: How far are
16 we from Commissioner Ontai's request?

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Actually,
18 she's got it right up there.

19 MS. MACDONALD: It's up now,
20 actually.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
22 Ancheta will be next.

23 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, and it
24 looks like you've got all of the communities in
25 that one district.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I want to
3 wait until everybody has looked at the -- I wanted
4 to actually just pull back a little, because I
5 want to get -- I'm losing perspective on the
6 compactness of some districts here, so. As long
7 as -- but if everybody -- Commissioner Ontai's got
8 his information, then -- because I want to -- I
9 want to pull back and we may not -- we may lose
10 some of his information by pulling back.

11 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah. Yeah, I
12 see it. Thank you.

13 MS. MACDONALD: The Pacific
14 Islander community is actually in -- in two
15 districts as they're configured right now.

16 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, both
17 Long Beach and -- and L.A.

18 MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

19 UNKNOWN COMMISSIONER: Mahalo.

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And could
21 you use another boundary -- some -- bolder or
22 something that's a little bit darker? I'm losing
23 some of the boundaries.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, just a second.
25 Is this better?

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah. Thank
2 you. Could you -- well, could you pull back a
3 little bit more? I'm trying to get the --

4 Okay. Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think that
6 Commissioner Blanco's point if we make Long Beach
7 whole, that will eliminate that one -- second
8 really long district. Because there -- there it's
9 affected by the pollution from the port is
10 everybody up the street, too.

11 Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: In
13 that regard, if -- Long Beach would still have
14 control over that, you know, and then can address
15 all those communities through that corridor, so
16 that would still be helpful to those individuals.
17 And what I'm talking about is the 710 out of Long
18 Beach port, so.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I -- I think
20 what the line drawers might have been -- all up
21 that corridor the communities were concerned about
22 control of that.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Correct. Can we
24 move on to another district or --

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well,

1 Commissioner Yao has a question.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: Just one
3 comment. The 710 probably is contained in -- all
4 in one district and not in the other district. So
5 it's really only going to be controlled by --
6 whether it is assembly or senate or congressional,
7 by the same -- likely to be contained by the same
8 people and the -- and the residents on the other
9 side of the freeway have absolutely no voice in
10 it. So that's the risk associated with using the
11 freeway.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: If the
13 concern is about pollution and if you remove of
14 the pollution, you move it on either side of the
15 road, would be my guess.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: No, I'm saying
17 is only one -- one district has the say on what to
18 do about the pollution.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, but if
20 you made Long Beach whole, then you would have the
21 district above it as well.

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Do we
23 have to get into wind patterns --

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: -- up

1 there? Because they're right there near the
2 coast.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No, there
4 are. There are some issues there.

5 Okay. I think Commissioner Ontai
6 was -- and I'm sorry for going too fast for you,
7 but -- Commissioner Ontai.

8 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes.
9 Currently is it possible to show where the Muong
10 community is? I think it's a fairly large
11 community somewhere around there.

12 MS. MACDONALD: We don't have -- we
13 don't have those data.

14 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: All right.
15 Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But it
17 sounds like what we ought to be think about,
18 Ms. MacDonald, is doing some of the geocoding of
19 names for, like, Muong and -- at some point we may
20 need to have at least an estimate of -- a location
21 of where the concentrations are. And I'm not
22 sure, is the Muong name that unique? I don't
23 know.

24 MS. MACDONALD: We currently -- I
25 don't believe we have a surname dictionary for --

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Muong.

2 MS. MACDONALD: For Muong. I mean,
3 I can investigate that, but that's -- that's
4 actually -- that's --

5 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: That's hard
6 and --

7 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. I -- I'm not
8 sure that --

9 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- with
10 other ethnic groups, too,

11 MS. MACDONALD: -- we're going to
12 be able to -- to do that within Q2. I -- I hate
13 to --

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I
15 guess the other question would be, from our open
16 hearings, several -- the Muong communities came up
17 several times. We ought to look back there and
18 see if they defined that in any way.

19 Commissioner DiGuilio.

20 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I was just
21 going to say I think in relationship to the Muong,
22 I -- I don't believe they spoke up. There were a
23 lot of people that spoke for them. So I think we
24 have to -- you know, it's been a -- it's a group
25 that's been hard to reach out to, but I think it's

1 worth looking into the testimony that other people
2 gave on their behalf.

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: There were two
4 speakers from the Muong community that showed up.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I
6 think it's time to move on to the next district.

7 MS. MACDONALD: The next one is the
8 Crenshaw Inglewood district. So we're going to
9 put the neighborhoods on, but I will -- never
10 mind.

11 Okay, so the deviations on there,
12 it's 2,500 people under, 28.91 percent Latino,
13 3.14 percent Asian, and 59.4 percent black
14 C.V.A.P. at this point.

15 So again, this is the first time
16 she's taken a stab at this. If you'd like to give
17 us some guidance on where you would like to go
18 with this. I'm going to read off the -- the
19 neighborhoods here in a second.

20 Okay. We have Baldwin Hills,
21 Altos, Alsace, Mid City, St. Elmo Village, Adams,
22 Normandie, Exposition -- Exposition Park, West
23 Vernon, Leimert Park, South Park, Vernon Square,
24 Hyde Park, Harvard Park, Florence, Firestone,
25 Vermont Knoll, Gramercy Place, Vermont Vista, and

1 Green Meadows. And Inglewood and Westwood are in
2 here. Westmont, I'm sorry, not Westwood.
3 Westmont are in there.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
5 Ancheta.

6 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So could
7 you -- I'm not sure if the Pacific Islander is
8 still on, but if you could take it off if it's
9 still there and then put -- put the black
10 population densities.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Could you
13 pull -- could you also pull back a bit? And go --
14 yeah, thank you. Could you pull back a little bit
15 more?

16 MS. MACDONALD: Just one second.
17 We -- we've got to get rid of the box. Just one
18 second.

19 So you want us to zoom out or zoom
20 in? Zoom out.

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Zoom out of
22 there. I'm just trying to see if there might be a
23 packing issue here.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Wait. I'm
25 not quite sure Commissioner Ancheta is finished

1 yet.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Can you give
3 the -- the percentages on the district just below
4 the one you're highlighting? The -- the usual
5 deviation and then C.V.A.P.s.

6 MS. MACDONALD: It's 35.51 percent
7 Latino, 11.17 percent Asian, 32.89 percent black
8 C.V.A.P.

9 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. And
10 again, we're obviously affect -- there's ripple
11 effects, obviously, but if -- I guess this is a
12 question if the -- if the -- if -- if we're
13 looking at a Section 2 district in the Crenshaw
14 Inglewood district, I -- well, many of the numbers
15 don't work, but there's a little bit of packing
16 issue, I think.

17 If -- if you could raise the other
18 one to the south higher, but -- again, it's -- you
19 don't have two Section 2 districts is the issue,
20 but I don't know if you can do much. I wanted to
21 see those numbers. Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
23 DiGuilio.

24
25 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Yeah, I was

1 just following Commissioner Ancheta's line of
2 thought where -- but then looking at -- it seems
3 like we're kind of geographically constrained if
4 we keep the integrity of the coastal district, we
5 keep the integrity of the -- the lower half of
6 that, the bottom part of that, and you then also
7 on -- on the eastern bound you have that potential
8 Section 2, which we've asked them to curve around
9 and kind of do the split Long Beach north, south
10 into a north and south district.

11 So there's kind of geographic
12 boundaries all the way around it, so -- yeah, I'm
13 not sure if we have a lot of choices other than
14 that. I mean, that's a justification for why
15 we're not packing, trying to keep some other areas
16 intact, too.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No other
18 comments?

19 Commissioner Raya.

20 COMMISSIONER RAYA: This isn't --
21 this is not necessarily something that's helping,
22 but it's hard to read the deviation numbers, but
23 they -- are they -- do they offset each other,
24 those two deviation numbers?

25 MS. MACDONALD: Pretty much, yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.

3 Let's move on to the next -- oh, excuse me.

4 Commissioner Ancheta.

5 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'll just
6 note -- this is not a question. I -- I suspect
7 we're going to get a fair amount of commentary on
8 these, too. But that's a comment more than a
9 question.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So someone
11 wasn't considering making a comment, you've would
12 encouraged them to.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I didn't
14 have to say that.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.

16 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, this is a
17 northeast L.A. district that has Eagle Rock,
18 Glassell Park, Mt. Washington, Silver Lake,
19 Elysian Park, El Sereno, East Los Angeles,
20 Montebello, Vernon, Maywood, Commerce.

21 I'm getting an eye exam here.

22 And the -- this is 704 people under
23 currently, 64.39 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 11.56
24 percent Asian C.V.A.P., 4.5 percent black C.V.A.P.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Could you

1 display the Hispanic population as you have in the
2 past?

3 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

4 This is -- do you want -- would you
5 like the legend on -- on this map, or are you okay
6 with this? Can we show you anything else? Any
7 comments?

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: One of
9 the -- several comments we received was concerned
10 about the Griffith Park area, which I assume is up
11 there near Los Feliz, and I think that if I -- I'm
12 not 100 percent sure of this, but I think more
13 activity comes from the east than it does from the
14 west. I'm not 100 percent sure of that. No?
15 Okay. So then --

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
17 South.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess the
19 question would -- would be whether, from a
20 population point of view, that little triangle you
21 got going up there, if you could maybe surround
22 Los -- that Los Feliz and Griffith Park with --
23 with communities on both sides of it.

24 Are you familiar with that?
25 There's that little triangle up there, looks like

1 a San Joaquin finger up there? So that's Atwater?

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah,
3 which that -- that's what I was about ready to
4 say.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Atwater --

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I would
7 say Atwater would be more aligned with Griffith
8 Park area --

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And
10 Los Feliz, yes.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So the
12 guidance is to move that finger over?

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Put it over
14 with the Los Feliz district.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: But
16 the -- the -- the general population in that area
17 does identify closer with Los Feliz, and the main
18 transportation corridor at the base of Griffith
19 Park, that goes around the 5. There's not that
20 much difference in going over east of the 5
21 between those two communities.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So -- I'm
23 sorry.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
25 Ancheta.

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'm not sure
2 what the -- what's approximately the population of
3 that are that we're -- we're just talking about?

4 MS. MACDONALD: Atwater Village?
5 Just a second.

6 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I only raise
7 it because it could -- if you -- depending on what
8 you do, it could raise the Latino C.V.A.P. higher,
9 and -- which could pose a packing problem
10 depending on what's around it.

11 MS. MACDONALD: You wanted just the
12 triangular area? That's just this area; correct?

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

14 MS. MACDONALD: 7,612 people.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And my guess
16 is that most of them are in the southern part of
17 that triangle. Is that two census tracts?

18 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So if you
20 just took the top census tract, what would be the
21 population there?

22 MS. MACDONALD: 4,076.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: To
24 Commissioner Ancheta's question, does that raise
25 the C.V.A.P.?

1 MS. MACDONALD: We're looking at
2 that right now. 64. Actually, it puts it back
3 up.

4 It raises the C.V.A.P. if you take
5 it out. Commissioner Blanco, it raises the
6 C.V.A.P.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It just
8 seems to me that based on what we heard, if we can
9 kind of put a little group of people around
10 Griffith Park, I think that would meet the C.O.I.
11 testimony over here.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
14 comments on this district?

15 (No audible response.)

16 MS. MACDONALD: So we have one
17 more, and then we're done with L.A.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

19 MS. MACDONALD: So we're going to
20 the San Fernando Valley in one second.

21 Okay. So this is the San Fernando
22 Valley district. It's 15 people under right now.
23 It's 50.98 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 10.25 percent
24 Asian C.V.A.P., and 5.96 percent black C.V.A.P.

25 It includes the cities of --

1 communities, I'm sorry, these are communities of
2 L.A., so it's Sylmar, has San Fernando in it,
3 Mission Hills, Pacoima -- is that how it's
4 pronounced? Pacoima. Parts of Lake -- Lakeview
5 Terrace, Arleta, Panorama City, Sun Valley, Van
6 Nuys, Lake Balboa, North Hills, and Reseda. And
7 North Hill is in -- is we're pretty sure United
8 the freeway.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Can we consider
10 going, again, consistent with previous direction
11 here looking at the Sunland Tujunga area and going
12 that way instead, rather than encroaching into --
13 into West San Fernando Valley?

14 MS. MACDONALD: We can look at it.
15 There may be -- we may be butting against the
16 Section 2, you know, the Section 2 issue there,
17 but we can --

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: Understood.

19 MS. MACDONALD: -- absolutely take
20 a look at it.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any comments
22 on this district?

23 (No audible response.)

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.

25 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, then I would

1 say we're -- we're pretty much done with L.A. We
2 will, you know, try to put this together with the
3 previous direction that we've received from you
4 and -- and, you know, having part of the -- the
5 skeleton architecture map for you on -- on
6 Wednesday.

7 And we'll now move to -- south to
8 the southern area of Orange, San Diego and
9 Riverside, so we're going to switch mappers. And
10 then at the end of the day, or toward the end of
11 the day, we're going to go back to Tamina, who's
12 had, you know, barely 24 hours to work on the
13 direction that you had -- that you gave her
14 yesterday.

15 And then we can take a look at what
16 she's been able to prepare for you and then you
17 can give guidance on that as well. So we'll --
18 we'd probably have to take --

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Are we still
20 in Section 2 discussion, then, or is --

21 MS. MACDONALD: Well -- is there
22 anything else?

23 She hasn't really been able to work
24 on -- on a whole lot else for the congressional
25 districts.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I -- I just
2 want to know if we could ask -- whether we need
3 Mr. Brown here for the areas you're going to
4 discuss.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, we're -- we
6 have Section 2 and Section 5 coming up, so yeah --

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

8 MS. MACDONALD: -- Mr. Brown's
9 going to be with us I think for the rest of the
10 day.

11 So but this will take a second
12 because we need to switch computers and -- and
13 mappers around, so maybe ten minutes for us.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So take a
15 little break. We'll walk around a little bit,
16 chat, that kind of stuff.

17 (Whereupon, a recess was held
18 from 2:28 p.m. to 2:43 p.m.)

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Before we
20 get started, I -- I think we might get a little
21 summary of what he's seen so far by Mr. Brown, our
22 counsel.

23 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I just wanted
24 to -- in conferring with the mappers at the break,
25 I just wanted to comment that with respect to L.A.

1 County, there are still challenges in determining
2 what the Commission's going to do about the
3 Section 2 districts, and I don't think -- and I
4 want it to be clear that we haven't resolved those
5 issues today.

6 And I think you two would like a
7 little additional guidance with respect to
8 flexibility to try to think about these issues
9 before they appear next time in front of the
10 Commission.

11 For example, she's trying to draw
12 the districts using cities and neighborhoods and
13 adhere to the other criteria, and as a result of
14 that first pass, it's likely to be that many of
15 the Latino areas have high concentrations, which
16 would be undesirable and, you know, could be
17 packing in some instances.

18 So I think she should have the
19 flexibility to consider whether those
20 concentrations can be reduced in certain
21 instances.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
23 Filkins-Webber.

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
25 Mr. Brown, that does go back to my question from

1 yesterday and which we're going to see probably
2 when we move into Orange County. If we're
3 respecting the city boundaries, maybe with L.A.
4 it's different because you have -- it's one city.

5 But if we had designated
6 neighborhoods that are high concentration, is it
7 really packing? Because if the population is
8 there, it's compact, and as they have described to
9 us, what they did is they moved east to west just
10 gathering population and -- and respecting C.O.I.
11 testimony, that if we have robust evidence of
12 C.O.I. testimony, you have a compact district and
13 it just happens to be 83 point, you know, zero
14 percent Latino population, is that really packing
15 when we followed all of the other criteria of the
16 constitution?

17 MR. BROWN: So I agree that in many
18 cases it may not be packing. So I think that
19 Los Angeles County is unique within what the
20 Commission is doing because of the widely varied
21 population there.

22 And I think it's difficult -- what
23 the Commission has to do is comply with Section 2,
24 and when you're in L.A. County, it's -- it's not
25 as easy to determine what is it going to take to

1 make sure that you've complied with Section 2 in
2 drawing districts in the -- in the county.

3 And so the suggestion to follow the
4 other criteria in the -- in the California
5 constitution as a starting point for drawing
6 districts is just a way of getting that process
7 started, but I think it's worth doing further
8 evaluation so that you can form a judgment.

9 I think what you're -- where you're
10 going to end up at the end of the day is that you
11 could draw a maximum number of districts or you
12 could draw a minimum number of districts, and
13 where are you going to be comfortable that you
14 have mini -- that -- that you -- you feel that
15 you've done a good job, you've satisfied your
16 obligations under the Voting Rights Act, and
17 you -- you believe the litigation risk has -- has
18 been mitigated.

19 So what I'm suggesting is that the
20 mappers ought to have some flexibility to look at
21 the results of their preliminary pass and try to
22 consider whether some of the highly concentrated
23 districts could be somewhat modified to reduce
24 those high concentrations.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner

1 DiGuilio.

2 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Based on
3 those recommendations from Mr. Brown and in
4 consultation with Q2, then I'd -- I'd like to
5 suggest that we as a Commission give Q2 permission
6 to look at other options, particularly since
7 they'll be working with Gibson Dunn on those, so
8 that this is maybe the first pass and there's some
9 implications to that, and I'd like to give them
10 the option in their professional expertise to run
11 some other options and have those run through
12 Gibson Dunn.

13 And it may be more than one. There
14 may be a couple options, but I think the more
15 options we have, we would give them permission to
16 run those options, so then we could take a look at
17 them later on and have a discussion about the
18 implications based on legal consultation as well.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
20 Blanco.

21 Commissioner Ancheta, did you want
22 to --

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Mr. Brown, I

1 don't necessarily have an opinion. This is a
2 question. In the totality of the circumstances
3 approach, is it -- if we wanted to look at the --
4 the -- a trend in demographics, in other words,
5 here's this district and now it looks like this in
6 terms of the population, but if -- if in the
7 next -- the way the population is trending it's
8 going to -- a place may end up really packed.

9 I'm just giving you an example. Is
10 that something within our purview or something
11 that really gets very risky for us to do.

12 MR. BROWN: I would have -- I have
13 a two-part answer to that. One is I do think it's
14 a bit risky to try to consider what's going to
15 happen in the future in making today's decisions.

16 On the other hand, it would be
17 perhaps useful if some experts on various
18 communities actually presented information to the
19 Commission about the history of various areas and
20 the present population trends and the like. It
21 might be insightful.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
23 DiGuilio.

24 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: But I guess
25 I have a question with that just on kind of

1 logistics. It's my understanding that we can only
2 base things on the census data. I mean, we've had
3 some arguments about undercounts or overcounts or
4 other populations, and we've always had to respond
5 by saying it's just based on the census data as it
6 was in 2010.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I don't -- I
8 don't think he's --

9 MR. BROWN: I agree with that.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: --
11 suggesting you change the population count, it's
12 just that you might say if you only put 50 percent
13 in this district, we have a good impression in ten
14 years it might be 60 percent, whereas if you've
15 got 60 percent now, in ten years it might be
16 80 percent.

17 Is that the kind of analysis you
18 would -- are you considering?

19 MR. BROWN: No, I think that's what
20 Commissioner Blanco was suggesting. I -- I don't
21 think that should be done.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Good.
23 All right.

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Should not be
25 done. Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
2 Raya.

3 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, I -- I've
4 also been thinking a lot about trends but thinking
5 of it from the other side that there are areas
6 that are perhaps now heavily Latino but a lot of
7 other people are moving in the so-called
8 gentrification of a lot of areas. That's probably
9 going to have a significant change over time.

10 And even looking at the
11 African-American areas we've been talking about,
12 the shift was a lot of Latinos moving into those
13 areas. It just seems to me like, you know,
14 that -- that's kind of a minefield.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
16 Yao.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Again, in
18 looking at the totality of the -- what's before
19 us, does it make sense to try to hit a minimum
20 number or a maximum number -- or between a minimum
21 and maximum to minimize the -- the risk of
22 having -- of the litigation?

23 MR. BROWN: I think what you want
24 to do is form a judgment -- you know there's no
25 duty to maximize. You know there's some

1 theoretical minimum that you -- it's hard to know
2 what -- what that number is, but there's some
3 theoretical minimum.

4 And I think you want to get to a
5 place where you can form a judgment that you've
6 satisfied your obligations and -- and you could
7 defend litigation over the issue.

8 COMMISSIONER YAO: May I continue?
9 Where I'm coming from is if we can specify that
10 minimum and get that as perhaps instruction to Q2,
11 then perhaps that's the best we can do at this
12 point in time in terms of a draft map in
13 minimizing litigation risk.

14 MR. BROWN: I don't -- I don't know
15 that anyone's at a point where they're ready to
16 suggest what, you know, that number would be.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Could I use the
18 census information in terms of the percentage of
19 the total population as -- as an index?

20 For example, let's say Asian is --
21 I'm making up a number now -- 30 percent, 30
22 percent of 80 seats, you know, using some number
23 like that and -- and -- and backing off from that
24 number to come up with a minimum. Does it make
25 sense to -- to -- to formulate it and -- and try

1 to come up with a minimum number?

2 MR. BROWN: I wouldn't try to do
3 that just -- just yet.

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.
6 So, Ms. MacDonald, do you feel that the direction
7 that was suggested by Commissioner DiGuilio is
8 sufficient? In between bites.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
11 Dai.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I -- I
13 was -- just to clarify in terms of developing
14 other options, some of these options, you know,
15 should include unpacking, even though it may not
16 be unpacking, but -- but looking at different
17 options that would reduce the C.V.A.P. percentage
18 to the degree that it doesn't infringe on other
19 groups.

20 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any
22 other suggestions? Commissioner Parvenu? No?
23 You're just nodding your head? Is that what --
24 okay.

25 All right. So let's start moving

1 to the other districts, then. And we're welcoming
2 a new mapper; right?

3 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. This is Alex
4 Woods who has just joined us, and Alex area, of
5 course, starts in Orange -- in Orange, goes down
6 to San Diego, over to Imperial, up to Riverside,
7 and then up to San Bernardino. So she suggested
8 that we start in Orange, if that's okay with you.

9 Okay, and I'm going to let her
10 explain what -- what she did here. We're going to
11 just see a first visualization.

12 MS. WOODS: So this includes the --
13 the whole city of Santa Ana, part of the city of
14 Anaheim and part of the city of Orange.

15 MS. MACDONALD: We're going to
16 change the boundary color a little bit, because we
17 just realized that this is difficult to see. And
18 while she -- while she does this, I'm going to
19 read off the numbers in the box and tell you what
20 they --

21 Just one second.

22 Okay. So the numbers in the box
23 are total population of this particular
24 visualization is 607 -- 465 -- 465,787, deviation
25 of 113. These are assembly districts.

1 And different mapper, so I'm -- I
2 apologize for this, but we now have a change in
3 how we're looking at the -- at the percentages.
4 The first percentage is Latino C.V.A.P., the next
5 is black C.V.A.P., and then it's Asian C.V.A.P.

6 MS. WOODS: And as you remember,
7 Santa Ana and Anaheim are not contiguous, so
8 they're connected through Orange, and that was to
9 respect the Little Saigon C.O.I. which was stated
10 at the wrap-up.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Go ahead.

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: I'm
13 having a hard time seeing the boundaries of this
14 for some -- for some reason. I feel -- maybe
15 they're hugging the freeway on one side, but maybe
16 you could try a different option for the
17 boundaries. And Commissioner DiGuilio and then
18 Commissioner Ward, and Mr. Brown, you had
19 something to say?

20 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I was going
21 to just ask a very simple request, that maybe the
22 mappers could get the same standard only
23 because -- not -- it's just -- it's for me. I --

24 MS. MACDONALD: Absolutely.

25 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I can't

1 remember.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So I would
4 appreciate it if they'd all --

5 MS. MACDONALD: I have the same
6 problem, and my apologies.

7 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Okay. It's
8 not -- it's not -- I'm sure it's easily rectified.
9 Thank you.

10 MS. MACDONALD: If this was easy to
11 change right now, then I would.

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:
13 We've had a request, if you can walk us through
14 the boundaries of the district into a split
15 report, and then Mr. Brown, please.

16 MS. WOODS: So this is -- this is
17 the entire city of Santa Ana, and then it's a
18 central part of the city of Anaheim, which is, you
19 know, split here at the 5 freeway, and then this
20 area is Orange right here, which connects Anaheim
21 and Santa Ana.

22 Orange is also split.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Mr. Brown.

24 MR. BROWN: Yes. So we have one
25 concern about this drawing, and I think it would

1 be useful to put up the same census tract color
2 visualization that we were looking at before.

3 And the concern is whether you meet
4 the first Gingles precondition, because you may
5 have two separate compact groups that aren't
6 really one -- one compact group. And the mappers
7 may have a point of view about that, but that's
8 the one issue we flagged in this area.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
10 Dai.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, actually,
12 we had talked about the -- the fact that maybe
13 each one of the cities should be the focus of --
14 of their own assembly districts because of the
15 population to try to keep them whole.

16 Did you have a visualization for us
17 on that?

18 MS. WOODS: Yes.

19 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, we do have
20 visualizations on it, and I don't know if you
21 could see the color theme underlying here. Was
22 that sufficient for your purposes?

23 (No audible response.)

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is this the
25 Hispanic population, the -- and what's the 50? I

1 thought she said that 51 --

2 MS. MACDONALD: You mean the color
3 theme?

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I got
5 your -- I -- that's answered my question.

6 MS. WOODS: So the -- the lower in
7 green is the city of Anaheim, which is not split.
8 Part of the city of Orange and part of the city of
9 Garden Grove and the pink district is -- includes
10 most -- the city of Anaheim, but it -- it does not
11 include the Anaheim Hills and part -- the south
12 part of Fullerton and Buena -- Buena Park and --
13 and Stanton.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
15 Filkins-Webber.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: What
17 city is north of the 91 where you have that long
18 tail going up to Yorba Linda?

19 MS. WOODS: That's Anaheim.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.
21 So it doesn't include Anaheim Hills, but as I
22 recall, we had a discussion at the input hearing
23 that that portion is more contiguous and probably
24 similar to Anaheim Hills, the main transportation
25 corridor feeds -- all the population feeds off of

1 it on both the north and the south.

2 So even though you cut out the
3 Anaheim Hills, I remember we did have a distinct
4 discussion about Yorba Linda.

5 But are you reaching out there for
6 any other purpose or you're -- or are you just
7 trying to keep as much of Anaheim together,
8 despite the fact that it goes very far east?

9 MS. WOODS: I -- I remember
10 testimony about Anaheim Hills being south of the
11 91, so I was just incorporating that into this
12 visualization, but if there's a different point,
13 you know, I can take that section out.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay,
15 because I do recall that we had this discussion
16 about the north part of 91 as well regarding Yorba
17 Linda, and only because of my familiarity, I
18 travel that nearly every single day, so -- and I
19 lived in Placentia and I've lived in Yorba Linda,
20 and I have friends in Anaheim Hills.

21 And I distinctly recall
22 Commissioner Blanco asking me further about
23 whether there was at least one gentleman that did
24 speak about this area and did speak about Anaheim
25 Hills. So I'm a little concerned with the tail.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we'll look at
2 the tail and try to take it off.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So this
4 would be a -- a good example of where a city line,
5 because of the way the city is configured, could
6 compact this.

7 Commissioner Ward.

8 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah, I know
9 that we've certainly had some quite testimony
10 about keeping Fullerton whole, especially
11 considering its history being split several ways,
12 and added to some Irvine and things like that. So
13 I'd like to see if we can give some direction to
14 try to keep Fullerton whole.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
16 Filkins-Webber, then Commissioner Aguirre.

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So in
18 this division, based on the concerns that
19 Mr. Brown has raised and the possibility that we
20 might have two separate potential Section 2 -- why
21 are you shaking your head no?

22 (No audible response.)

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well,
24 not yet. But I mean, we have a compact Latino
25 population, and if we pulled that back up again --

1 if we're concerned about the numbers. I was
2 looking at the area that -- north of the green
3 following the 55 freeway to where it meets the 91.

4 I know that there's population in
5 there, mostly commercial, too, but not going over
6 the 55. If whether or not -- it's still
7 contiguous, it still might be compact with -- with
8 Santa Ana and whether we -- what the numbers might
9 look like for Latino V.A.P. or C.V.A.P. or
10 whatever we're using up there.

11 But -- and I was just trying to get
12 some direction that if -- if we're looking at this
13 being a possibility of a compact first Gingles,
14 you know, criteria for potential Section 2, I
15 don't know if broadening it out for -- to increase
16 population is against the law, but I'm just
17 looking at trying to create a district that would
18 be still focused on the primary C.O.I. and primary
19 compact nature of Santa Ana.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
21 Aguirre and then Commissioner Dai.

22 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, and
23 following up on that discussion, certainly I -- I
24 think Mr. Brown was -- is referring to a Section 2
25 Latino C.V.A.P. district; is that correct? And --

1 and possibly an Asian Section 2?

2 MR. BROWN: So the comment was that
3 it didn't appear from the drawing that Central
4 Anaheim and Santa Ana could be considered one
5 geographically compact group.

6 So what we're looking at now is an
7 alternative, and it's close enough where I
8 would -- I would suggest the mappers do some more
9 work to see if that Santa Ana region can be drawn
10 in way that would get it over 51 percent.

11 Or whether investigating what the
12 actual C.V.A.P. is instead of the estimated
13 minimum, that that might also push it over
14 50 percent.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
16 DiGuilio and then Commissioner Blanco and then
17 Commissioner Dai.

18 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Just out of
19 curiosity, in the decision for the upper part for
20 splitting Fullerton and -- splitting Fullerton and
21 keeping Buena Park, I -- I can't see the Latino
22 C.V.A.P. under there because they're a similar
23 color.

24 But was there a reason you could go
25 north and grab all Fullerton or -- or was this

1 because there were some other issues to the -- to
2 the west that you chose to go -- make the district
3 kind of go east-west versus north-south.

4 (No audible response.)

5 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: No, I'm
6 just saying going up to grab all -- see, it looks
7 like it's more compact. See, there's the --

8 MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

9 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Could you
10 grab all of Fullerton and keep that intact and
11 still keep the integrity of the -- I know the
12 Latino population seems to be -- I'm not sure what
13 the -- the C.O.I. is, but it seems like you could
14 keep the integrity of Fullerton in that area and
15 still have a compact area. Just something for
16 consideration for the mappers.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
18 Ward. Oh, excuse me. We have Commissioner Blanco
19 and then Dia and then Mr. Ward.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Following on
21 Mr. Brown's comments, I think what would be the --
22 the -- I guess the request to Q2 would be, one,
23 to -- to look at that Santa Ana-based district to
24 see, one, whether you can bring it up, but also
25 for this to be one of the districts with -- if we

1 have 45 percent and we know we have the
2 reliability issue with C.V.A.P. whether -- I would
3 instruct that this be one of the places where we
4 apply the earlier discussion from this morning
5 about looking at ways to look at the actual
6 C.V.A.P.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Did I hear
8 are you say there's ways of looking at the actual
9 C.V.A.P.?

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I believe
11 that's just what Mr. Brown -- those were his
12 words, so I'm just --

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I want to
14 make sure I heard that same thing.

15 MR. BROWN: As a shorthand way of
16 there's other evidence about what C.V.A.P. might
17 be, and there's at least two other sources that
18 the mappers can look at that would provide a
19 slightly -- additional information about what
20 C.V.A.P. might be, like voter registration data
21 matched with surnames in that area.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank
23 you.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: So I was
25 curious, and maybe I just can't see it very well,

1 but what are the actual boundaries of the city of
2 Orange, since you -- you said took part of the
3 city of Orange.

4 And then the other question I had
5 is you also mentioned you used a part of the city
6 of Garden Grove, and I just wanted to make that
7 wasn't running into the Vietnamese C.O.I. that we
8 heard testimony about.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Just one second.
10 We're putting the city boundary on.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: It looks like
12 one of those funky cities, huh?

13 MS. MACDONALD: So that's the city
14 boundary of Orange.

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. I guess
16 we don't necessarily want to follow city
17 boundaries in this case.

18 And then in the -- in the Garden
19 Grove, you said you took part of the city of
20 Garden Grove. I just wanted to see where that was
21 and whether the Vietnamese C.O.I. was in a
22 separate district, then.

23 Okay, also kind of weird.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
25 Ward and then Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

1 COMMISSIONER WARD: Back to the --
2 we were talking about adding Fullerton back in
3 with Anaheim, and again, I know we've taken
4 testimony that Fullerton -- in trying to keep the
5 Fullerton, Brea, Placentia, Yorba Linda kind of
6 area together, and that was based off of, again,
7 shared fire departments, new contracts with police
8 departments and things like that, so there's
9 shared service agreements that link those cities.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
11 Filkin -- is that it, Commissioner Ward?

12 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
14 Filkins-Webber.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah,
16 I concur, there were -- we did receive some
17 written public comments regarding the combined
18 nature of the Fullerton, Placentia, Yorba Linda
19 area, and just the way that the traffic flows,
20 there's major thoroughfares, the street of
21 La Palma is a major traffic thoroughfare from
22 Yorba Linda all the way through, actually all the
23 way over to the 5, frankly, but other -- that you
24 can avoid the 91.

25 But I wanted to go back and look

1 at -- just real quick so we can provide additional
2 direction to Q2 on that area in Garden Grove,
3 because it may depend -- there -- there's another
4 main thoroughfare. Westminster Avenue goes
5 straight through Little Saigon. I know you didn't
6 include Little Saigon here, because that's
7 further, but I can't see the streets either.

8 Or if you can highlight which
9 district you're -- that you used in the
10 visualization.

11 And if you can confirm for me the
12 furthest street north and -- I'm sorry.

13 Can you just pan out for a minute
14 so I can just see what this visualization was,
15 what it combined with?

16 I'm worried about south of the 22.
17 That's where the --

18 MS. MACDONALD: You can't get one
19 street. You get them all.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: No, I
21 understand. And -- but what I'm trying to do is
22 see the one where we can focus, because this is
23 the Santa Ana district that you added in with
24 parts of Garden Grove; correct?

25 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, that's

1 correct.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.
3 So you see the little square part where it says
4 Garden Grove right there, if you can just focus in
5 right there south of the 22, I just want to see
6 where that boundary was.

7 Because there is -- the -- as I
8 recall the C.O.I. testimony also for the Asian
9 interest and business interest included south --
10 excuse me, included -- yes, southwest Santa Ana.
11 And when you look at the boundary of Santa Ana, it
12 has a little, kind of like a hole in it that
13 that's where the -- the high concentration was
14 that it goes over into that area.

15 Correct.

16 So anyway, the general direction
17 would be is to take a look at some of the actual
18 boundaries that we got from the Santa Ana input
19 hearing on the C.O.I. testimony, because you have
20 substantial business interests that run basically
21 from a little bit north on the 22 freeway, south
22 of the 22 freeway at Westminster.

23 And they also gave you -- it does
24 run further to the west from Bolsa, but it also
25 goes substantially into this round area, which is

1 considered the -- like the southwest portion of --
2 of Santa Ana just -- so we're making sure that
3 we're respecting some of the C.O.I. testimony that
4 we got.

5 And taking away that population, if
6 you run the concentration, which I can see it
7 underneath here, you're probably not running into
8 a Latino concentration except for in that one
9 little area right there. Correct.

10 So if we needed to consider looking
11 at that to respect the C.O.I. testimony. Sorry it
12 was a little more detailed but -- than we needed.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That was a
14 really good general statement, Commissioner.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Hey,
16 you let me go. You let me go.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'll
18 remember that.

19 All right. Any other comments?

20 (No audible response.)

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
22 Ms. MacDonald, you feel we're okay on --

23 MS. WOODS: So Commissioner Ward, I
24 know you were saying to -- referring to the
25 testimony with Fullerton and Placentia, Yorba

1 Linda, La Habra area, the north area. So for the
2 Anaheim district, where would you look to go to
3 have the population meet -- meet the requirements?

4 COMMISSIONER WARD: Can we
5 highlight the district, please.

6 MS. WOODS: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you.

8 MS. WOODS: Well, if we don't want
9 to include Fullerton as part of this and we also
10 don't want to include the area of Anaheim north of
11 the 91, where -- where else would you look to?

12 COMMISSIONER WARD: I think we can
13 include the area -- the parts of Anaheim north of
14 91. I mean, we should keep -- I mean, in my
15 opinion, Anaheim, you know, as whole as -- as
16 possible minus the hills.

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: What
18 I -- what I was thinking, and -- and again, just
19 going off of the C.O.I. -- some of the C.O.I.
20 testimony we have as well as what we're permitted
21 to do as obviously understanding this area since I
22 work right there, almost in the center of the map,
23 what I -- my recommendation would be in response
24 to your question is to cut it west of the 57
25 freeway.

1 You probably can create a district
2 that is contiguous and confirmation through
3 probably additional testimony we'll get from
4 Fullerton, which would be Yorba Linda, Placentia
5 and Fullerton, which is consistent with some of
6 the public comments that we received via e-mail.

7 The additional population that you
8 would get would be south of your present district
9 running to the 22 freeway. The -- the district --
10 or the neighborhoods that run just north of the 22
11 from -- like Garden Grove, Stanton, Los Alamitos,
12 you run straight through there on Katella Avenue,
13 and you don't know which city you're going through
14 from one to the other, including like Los
15 Alamitos.

16 So if you needed additional
17 population, you're still -- we didn't get a lot of
18 testimony through there, and most of the -- the
19 Asian -- there might be a little bit of Asian
20 north of the 22 up through Magnolia, but you're
21 going to be able to take a look and respecting
22 that C.O.I. testimony south of the 22, so you can
23 balance the border in respecting the C.O.I.
24 testimony that we have from the Vietnamese and
25 Little Saigon area and still respect Fullerton,

1 Placentia and Yorba Linda, and cutting off Anaheim
2 at the 57.

3 COMMISSIONER WARD: Commissioner
4 Webber, so that would currently loss everything
5 west, you're saying, the whole tail?

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
7 Correct.

8 COMMISSIONER WARD: Okay. And that
9 would put it in with -- without Fullerton,
10 Placentia, Yorba Linda --

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
12 Correct.

13 COMMISSIONER WARD: -- district?

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
15 mean, wouldn't you agree --

16 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah, it
17 sounds -- it sounds --

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
19 mean, all of the homes --

20 COMMISSIONER WARD: Perfect.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: --
22 the socioeconomic, the -- the types of communities
23 that are right there in Placentia and run along
24 the freeway -- actually the riverbed is right
25 there, you see the river on the far west. The

1 river runs mostly through there.

2 But that's all -- most of those
3 are -- some of those are newer homes, but there's
4 a higher socioeconomic base there.

5 And in recognizing Commissioner
6 Ward's concern previously, we would be talking
7 about, obviously, splitting Anaheim. But looking
8 at how long it is, I don't know that it's that
9 much of a concern and looking how bad Orange was,
10 too.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Do you get
12 the general direction that we would suggest you
13 go?

14 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, we'll look
15 into that. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any
17 other comments on this section of districts?

18 (No audible response.)

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Want
20 to move on.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. We'll move
22 to the next one. Just a second.

23 Would you like names for any of
24 these? Please let us know if you do, Commissioner
25 Ancheta.

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Anaheim.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Anaheim

3 plus.

4 (Inaudible.)

5 MS. MACDONALD: So this is the
6 Pomona Valley district. It has the cities of --

7 MS. WOODS: Pomona, Montclair,
8 Chino, Ontario, and part of the -- the
9 unincorporated area next to Fontana. And there
10 are no city splits.

11 MS. MACDONALD: You have a 50.59
12 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 9.61 percent black
13 C.V.A.P., and as soon as the pink is gone I'll
14 tell you what the Asian C.V.A.P. is. It's 6.66
15 percent Asian C.V.A.P. in this -- in this
16 particular visualization.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: What is the
18 area off to the right?

19 MS. WOODS: It's the unincorporated
20 area next to Fontana.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

22 MS. WOODS: And -- and I picked
23 that up for population.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess the
25 question would be: Is there other areas above or

1 below that might apply that would look less --

2 MS. WOODS: I --

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Go ahead.

4 MS. WOODS: I believe we received
5 testimony about Rancho Cucamonga being C.O.I. with
6 the Pomona Valley, but that would requiring
7 splitting the city of Rancho Cucamonga.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank
9 you.

10 Any other comments on this -- yes,
11 Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
13 suspect that you took the unincorporated part of
14 Fontana for population and additional Latinos for
15 this area?

16 MS. WOODS: To avoid splitting a
17 city.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: To
19 avoid splitting what?

20 MS. WOODS: Rancho Cucamonga or one
21 of the other neighboring cities.

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay,
23 because there was some particular testimony about
24 that area north of the 10, east of the 15 in
25 relation to the African-American group that did a

1 presentation and -- because there really isn't any
2 difference between that unincorporated area in
3 Fontana.

4 And that's a little troubling just
5 because of the potential -- I mean, the -- the --
6 the nature of that area and the interest of the
7 African-American population for San Bernardino
8 included that unincorporated. But I certainly
9 understand but -- that you didn't want to
10 necessarily split cities.

11 But if there isn't a high
12 concentration of Latinos there, I'd rather respect
13 the testimony that we got from the
14 African-American presentation and that testimony
15 to preserve that area of the unincorporated
16 Fontana, because we're allowed to consider
17 splitting some cities if we're looking at a
18 compact district for Section 2.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
20 Dai.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: What about
22 the -- the white area that's south of Ontario
23 here, right -- is that unincorporated area? That
24 white area, exactly, that area and below, are
25 those unincorporated areas of population?

1 MS. WOODS: I -- I believe that's
2 going to be part of the Rupa Valley once it's
3 incorporated.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. Got you.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
6 Ward.

7 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah, in one of
8 the plans that was submitted, it looks like they,
9 minus the Fontana annex there, went up and grabbed
10 what I believe to be Rancho Cucamonga. Do the
11 population numbers work out for that or do we have
12 a visualization that shows that.

13 MS. WOODS: I -- I don't, but I can
14 look into that.

15 COMMISSIONER WARD: Okay. Thank
16 you.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
18 Malloy.

19 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: Are
20 you able to tell me what -- and maybe I missed
21 it -- the actual number of population up in that
22 unincorporated area of Fontana to the northeast of
23 this district?

24 MS. MACDONALD: If I may, some
25 of -- while she's figuring this out. I think some

1 of your general direction may be to get rid of,
2 you know, if at all possible, of areas like that
3 so we don't have to spend too much time on trying
4 to find surrounding areas that have --

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And
6 we may -- and if we looked at it a little bit
7 further, and I'll just -- we may be able to
8 preserve the -- the Latino V.A.P. or C.V.A.P.,
9 whatever that is, by looking at San Dimas and
10 La Verne possibly, even though I --

11 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we have the
12 total for this now, which is.

13 MS. WOODS: 24,389.

14 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: So
15 if it's possible and the other commissioners are
16 in agreement, I'd like you to try and preserve
17 that Ebony Triangle area, which was referenced by
18 the Inland Empire African-American Redistricting
19 Coalition or Collaborative.

20 MS. WOODS: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And
22 you might be able to look to the -- to the west in
23 picking up that population in San Dimas and
24 La Verne, which might just bump up the -- the
25 Latino a little bit there where we might be more

1 comfortable when we look at the C.V.A.P.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
3 Aguirre.

4 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, the --
5 the C.A.P.A.F.R. map for that district shows
6 almost exactly the same design, except for the
7 Fontana area. Instead of having that kind of grab
8 up -- up in that area, they extend that little
9 panhandle to the right straight across.

10 So it might be a way of resolving
11 that issue. I'm not sure where that
12 African-American C.O.I. interest lies exactly in
13 that area, but perhaps that could be determined.

14 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so would you
15 like us to look at the C.A.P.A.F.R. submission,
16 then, and -- and --

17 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes. Yes.

18 MS. MACDONALD: -- and see how
19 they -- how they resolved that issue?

20 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes.

21 MS. WOODS: I actually just pulled
22 that up, so if you want to look -- so this is
23 Pomona, Montclair, Chino, Ontario, and it includes
24 this southwestern portion, I guess, of Fontana.

25 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, that's

1 it.

2 MS. WOODS: So it splits Fontana.

3 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: It looks
4 like a little -- well, it looks like what's
5 immediately south of the 10 and a little bit north
6 of the 10 as -- as indicated in that map, yes.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Starting to
8 look like Texas.

9 Commissioner Yao.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: In term of
11 grabbing population, I think going east is prefer
12 as compared to going west towards San Dimas and
13 La Verne, because those are completely different
14 communities compared to -- to what Pomona
15 expressed themselves as being.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
17 DiGuilio and then Commissioner Raya.

18 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I'm just
19 curious. What is this again? Is this one of your
20 visualizations?

21 MS. MACDONALD: No, this is a
22 C.A.P.A.F.R. line.

23 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Okay, yeah,
24 because I'm just noticing that area we were
25 talking about before, the Ebony Triangle split

1 three times. Just -- just as a reference.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, so -- so
3 again, I mean, we were trying to, you know, stick
4 to the Proposition 11 criteria, and we try not to
5 split cities, so if there's an unincorporated
6 area, that helps us, you know, get to the total
7 and meet our goal, and that's what we've done.

8 And that may just not look very
9 compact. You can make it more compact if you
10 split something. So this is, you know, the
11 trade-off.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
13 Raya.

14 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: I --
15 I'm sorry, I'm still trying to get back to
16 where -- is the Ebony trial -- triangle the
17 unincorporated -- the whole unincorporated area.

18 MS. WOODS: Roughly, without having
19 the map in front of me, it's the -- the triangle
20 is.

21 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Oh, that's the
22 triangle.

23 MS. WOODS: -- bordered by the
24 three freeways there, so the 10 to the south, the
25 215 to the east, and then -- what is that, the 15

1 to the west?

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay. So -- so
3 then we're suggesting that those maps kind of do
4 some significant damage over here.

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
8 Dai and then Commissioner Yao.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: So I think the
10 alternative is just to take some of the bottom of
11 Rancho Cucamonga, which I know you were trying to
12 avoid slitting, but we're saying okay.

13 MS. WOODS: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
15 Yao.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: Do you have the
17 population number for that triangle that was --
18 that was just identified?

19 MS. MACDONALD: It will take a
20 second. She'll calculate it.

21 And it's not going to be
22 necessarily accurate, because we're doing a tract
23 calculation right now and the -- the freeway
24 actually goes across the tracts, but we'll give
25 you --

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: My gut feel is
2 that that triangle has to be combined with
3 somebody in order to come up with that district,
4 yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:
6 My -- my suggestion was not that it try and stand
7 alone, but whatever district that the Ebony
8 Triangle ends up in, that it remains integrated
9 whole within that district.

10 MS. MACDONALD: We have a
11 visualization with that triangle in it.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
13 Rather than count that, why don't we just go to
14 the visualization.

15 MS. MACDONALD: Well, now we have
16 it, we might as well just give you the total for
17 it. That is roughly 122,582 people.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

19 MS. MACDONALD: Okay so now --
20 should we -- are we done with this particular
21 visualization, then, and we will move on to the
22 next one?

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So she's
25 going to pull up the shading here, so this is the

1 shape of the district. We call this the San
2 Bernardino Metro District. It has 465,561 people
3 in it, 52.46 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 16.3 percent
4 black C.V.A.P., and 4.7 percent Asian C.V.A.P. It
5 has the cities -- just go through the cities.

6 MS. WOODS: So it's the city of
7 Fontana, the city of Rialto, Bloomington, Colton,
8 Grand Terrace, and it splits the city of San
9 Bernardino.

10 MS. MACDONALD: Would you like to
11 see the Latino tract theme?

12 (No audible response.)

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any
14 questions, comments?

15 Commissioner Ancheta.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Could you
17 just move the box out of the district for a
18 second?

19 Thank you.

20 Did Mr. Brown have any comment on
21 the compactness of the minority population?

22 MR. BROWN: Not particularly. I
23 thought that it's -- the district itself seems
24 compact. I don't know if you have a different
25 view on that.

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, the
2 minority population, the Latino population might
3 be a little spread, but -- so, you know. The
4 minority population has to be compact within the
5 district, too, so.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
7 Commissioner -- you want to respond, Mr. Brown?
8 To Commissioner Ancheta?

9 MR. BROWN: No. It's worth
10 continuing to look at. I would also comment on
11 these last two that these should go on the list of
12 ones where we want to gather R.P.V. data.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: YES.
14 Commissions Filkins-Webber.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
16 think that goes back to what is the definition of
17 compact. These three communities are very closely
18 related and that 10 corridor is a major
19 transportation corridor for all of those
20 communities.

21 It's not easily accessible from the
22 15 or the 215 because of mountains and some
23 distance. They did build the 210 through there,
24 but -- and you have a few areas off the 30, but
25 most of the population density and travel up the

1 10, so that's why I'm wondering what is compact,
2 because I look at this and due to my familiarity
3 with that area, that -- what I would say this is
4 compact actually for that population.

5 The only question I have is Muscoy,
6 and we didn't get any testimony there, but if we
7 have a C.V.A.P. number, I would even consider that
8 might be part of that compact nature of this
9 district, which looks good and is consistent
10 with -- with the C.O.I. testimony that we have,
11 even though we don't have much from Muscoy.

12 And it might help the C.V.A.P.
13 numbers here as well given that this is the Latino
14 density.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: If I
16 remember correctly, Muscoy was specifically
17 included in the Ebony Triangle area in the C.O.I.
18 testimony.

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And
20 it's not here. Right, ladies? Muscoy is not in
21 there?

22 MS. MACDONALD: Sorry, Muscoy is
23 not in there.

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah,
25 I was a little worried about the numbers when you

1 add Muscoy and Fontana, the unincorporated Fontana
2 is not in that number either right now; correct?

3 MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So
5 you're going to be adding to -- a lot of -- well,
6 you're adding what, that four thousand people in
7 the unincorporated Fontana area.

8 MS. MACDONALD: 20 -- 24.

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Oh,
10 it was 24 thousand.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
12 Ms. MacDonald, are these census tract lines, then?

13 MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: For the rest
15 of the -- this is a pretty good indication that
16 this is not a densely populated. When you see
17 census tracts of that size, it's usually an
18 indication of a -- not a highly dense population.

19 (Inaudible.)

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
21 comments on this one?

22 (No audible response.)

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So the
24 direction of this one would be to include Muscoy
25 and we probably would have to take it out of

1 someplace else, then.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And
3 to reference the --

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And make
5 sure we reference the -- the Ebony Triangle.

6 Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: One
8 other suggestion since we're going to have to
9 diminish population when we add in those other
10 distinct neighborhoods is to consider going --
11 pulling the -- we're already splitting San
12 Bernardino on the one -- on the western -- or,
13 excuse me, eastern side of the 215.

14 If we need to consider cutting
15 population if we're not doing anything
16 significant, maybe you can consider moving it to
17 on the border of the 215 depending on that number
18 of population there.

19 Because you're already going to
20 split San Bernardino as it is, you might be able
21 to pull it in and then have that area respected.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, that
23 area would affect the C.V.A.P.; right?

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I --
25 not -- I mean, I can see the density there --

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well,
2 according to those charts.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: --
4 but the C.V.A.P. right now does not include the
5 unincorporated Fontana, which is all red. So
6 actually, the balance, I think it's going to help
7 because that number -- the Latino number is going
8 to go up and then we're going to have more
9 reliability when we get the actual C.V.A.P. So
10 trading one for the other isn't going to be like
11 what we saw before.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Can we move to the
13 next district?

14 (No audible response.)

15 MS. MACDONALD: Commissioners, can
16 we move to the next district?

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.
18 Please.

19 MS. MACDONALD: So we'll move down
20 to San Diego.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: While we're
22 moving it, I just want the Commission to know, we
23 got a note regarding our comments about the
24 Miracle Mile area relative to the orthodox Jewish
25 community, we got a comment about that, and we'll

1 just submit it to the -- I just want you to know
2 the people who are still watching.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And I
4 guess that supports the fact -- I don't recall
5 there being very many orthodox Jews in Compton
6 Carson, which is where I think we combined them.
7 And I don't mean that as a joke, but I mean,
8 that's the reality, that we're now --

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That's
10 right.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: --
12 we're getting some public testimony respecting an
13 area we hadn't heard from before, and I'm very
14 familiar with that area and there's several Jewish
15 temples along in that area. Famous ones,
16 actually, too.

17 MS. WOODS: So this district is a
18 district which is San Diego, but it does not go
19 east to Imperial, and it is the south portion of
20 the city of San Diego below Chula Vista. It's
21 Imperial Beach. It does not include Coronado.

22 And it is the city of Chula Vista
23 whole, and then it is the eastern portion of
24 National City split by the 805, and then it
25 goes -- it goes north into this -- the historic

1 Barrio area with Logan Heights, Sherman Heights,
2 Shelltown.

3 But I will note that it does not
4 include Barrio Logan. It could include part of
5 Barrio Logan, but the bridge to Cor -- to Coronado
6 is actually in Barrio Logan, so you -- in order
7 for Coronado to be contiguous, it, you know, needs
8 to be connected either through Barrio Logan or
9 down through here through Imperial Beach.

10 And so the population for this area
11 is 466,885, deviation is 1,211. The Latino
12 C.V.A.P. is 50.38, the black C.V.A.P. is 7.09, and
13 the Asian C.V.A.P. is 12.21 percent.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
15 Blanco.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think you
17 may have a problem. Where -- where are you
18 thinking of putting Barrio Logan if you're not
19 putting it here? Because that's -- this was
20 something we got testimony about. And, you know,
21 before they built that bridge, you used to go to
22 Coronado through I.B.

23 So I -- I just know that that's
24 something that has come up a lot. And in terms of
25 being connected to Shelltown, and that really is

1 one big area. Shelltown, Logan, Barrio Logan, you
2 know, Sherman Heights, all of that's one area
3 really in San Diego.

4 So I'm -- I'm not sure what the
5 rules are on the -- on the contiguity. But I have
6 seen other maps that have Barrio Logan in with --
7 with that part of San Diego, so I'm not sure what
8 they did with Coronado, but I have seen maps that
9 put them together.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
11 DiGuilio.

12 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Can you --
13 I'm assuming the reason you did this was because
14 you did not want to split Barrio Logan, but can
15 you not -- it seems like I can't see what's going
16 on above there, but you kept Coronado intact with
17 the coastal district.

18 Can you take the southern part of
19 that and just skirt the edge of the -- the
20 entrance point of the bridge and be able to keep
21 Barrio Logan and move all that down south and keep
22 the very top end of the entrance into Coronado
23 with the northern coastal district?

24 MS. WOODS: According to the --
25 I'll zoom in. But -- but this is the neighborhood

1 boundary layer I have, so I could add these areas
2 of Barrio Logan, but it looks like this is the top
3 border of the -- of Barrio Logan. So I
4 couldn't -- I couldn't split it.

5 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I'm just
6 wondering -- yeah, if you could split Barrio
7 Logan, that's a census tract there right on --
8 right below the marina. And then -- and then
9 catch just the tail.

10 I mean, not -- I'm not trying to
11 make something. I'm just trying to see if there's
12 a way to keep Barrio Logan intact and -- and to
13 the southern part, as Commissioner Blanco was
14 mentioning, but still have an access point for
15 Coronado.

16 For cont -- for continuous link --
17 contiguity for a link there. I'm trying to see if
18 there's a way to -- to do both. Because
19 otherwise, the only other option is to -- you'd
20 have to -- I mean, Imperial Beach, but then you'd
21 really have to -- you'd put Coronado with all of
22 the other -- with -- I'm assuming with National
23 City and all that, because in order to have -- if
24 you have an entrance point as -- it's the southern
25 entrance point.

1 I think Coronado would have more in
2 common with the coastal district than the south
3 part of San Diego.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
5 Blanco.

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Is that
7 Chicano Park that's outside of Barrio Logan up
8 there?

9 MS. WOODS: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I don't think
11 that can happen.

12 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I'm seeing
13 a -- I'm not -- no, I'm saying keep -- I'm just
14 saying the very south part -- the -- I'm sorry,
15 western, southwestern part.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I'm just
17 saying that --

18 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: The one on
19 top by the -- by the 5; right? That's what you're
20 talking about?

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, up
22 there --

23 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Or down at
24 the bottom?

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- on the

1 other side of the bridge, that's Chicano Park
2 and --

3 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Yeah, yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let's make
5 sure we pause in between comments here, so we can
6 record them properly.

7 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I wasn't
8 saying -- I was wondering if we could get the
9 bottom part of that. It looks like there's a
10 census tract below that --

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's --
12 that's the shipyards right there.

13 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: No. Okay,
14 below the marina, there's still a yellow part on
15 north part. Up. Up. The -- up -- north. I'm
16 sorry. Up a little higher north, north, coastal,
17 keep going, keep going, keep going.

18 Okay, so that census tract, can
19 you -- can I -- that with the -- with -- with the
20 entrance point down there, so Chicano Park stays
21 northeast, so then you connect Coronado through
22 that little loop right there, that census tract.

23 So then you stay out of Chicano --
24 that's what I'm saying is I know it's just a
25 little, like -- it's the -- it's one of those

1 slivers which we try to avoid and it's not -- but
2 I think if it's a way to keep the integrity of
3 Barrio Logan and Chicano Park and then allowing
4 Coronado to be part of the coastal, it seems like
5 it's -- it's a very thin strand, but it would
6 be -- is that acceptable, Commissioner Blanco?

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
9 Ancheta.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'm not
11 entirely sure if that's -- that meets contiguity
12 rules, because unless there's a bridge entrance
13 there, it's not connectable with the other part of
14 San Diego.

15 (Inaudible.)

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I don't -- I
17 have no idea, though, if there is one. If there
18 one, I think it works. If there -- if there's no
19 entrance, then we have a --

20 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Is there
21 one up further north on the 5, so that you could
22 get onto the 5 through a northern part and come
23 down?

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: There's
25 only -- there's only one entrance, and that's off

1 of the 5 onto -- on-ramp to the bridge. It's
2 right there.

3 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: But -- but
4 if you were on the 5 through -- if you got on the
5 5 through the -- this is just a logistical
6 question.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We got to
8 really be careful on how we keep interjecting
9 because it's hard for the recorder to know who's
10 speaking.

11 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: If you were
12 to get on an entrance from the 5 north and then
13 you were able to take that -- take the bridge
14 across, are you contiguous if you're entering the
15 5 through -- I'm -- East Village, I'm not sure if
16 that's -- if you were to scoot that line over on
17 the top a little so you could enter the 5 and then
18 you could cross over the bridge, does that count?
19 I --

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I have no
21 idea.

22 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I'll let
23 them work on it. It's not that big a deal. Let's
24 not waste that much time. That was just the idea
25 to try and get everybody -- make everybody happy.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
2 Ontai.

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Let me go
4 back -- back to that map. That -- no, no. Back
5 again to the previous map. Yeah. That yellow
6 section, that's just south of Logan Heights, Logan
7 Street. It's hard to tell. Hold on a second.
8 Whoops.

9 All right. Where is -- all right.
10 Now I can't find the street.

11 All right. Logan Heights is really
12 a community by itself and it ends on a northern
13 section, or just about here it is, Logan Street.
14 Is that Logan Street right there?

15 Can you blow that up?

16 Okay, let's -- let's stop about
17 here. Barrio Logan is a community that is
18 emerging by itself with a lot of development
19 happening, and that northern boundary of Logan
20 Heights is Logan Street, so I'm looking for that.
21 And it's down, down further. It's south of 5
22 going -- you're getting closer. Keep going down.

23 Some more. Step back a little bit.
24 Maybe that might be better.

25 Yeah. Okay. Well, I'm trying to

1 find Logan Avenue and I just keep missing it.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Maybe we can
3 get a general statement of what you would like.

4 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Once you
6 found it and then we can move on.

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, if you
8 can -- if the mappers can find where Logan
9 Heights -- Logan Avenue is and then somewhat work
10 your way down, that would define that Logan
11 Heights community, which is an emerging Latino
12 community.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any
14 other comments on this district? And if --
15 Commissioner Yao. Oh.

16 Ms. MacDonald, how many more areas
17 do we have to cover?

18 MS. MACDONALD: For -- for San
19 Diego or for Alex's area?

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: For Alex's
21 area.

22 MS. MACDONALD: Six total, maybe,
23 six or seven total for all the districts.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. We
25 have to pick it up, then. So let keep moving on.

1 MS. MACDONALD: So we'll move on to
2 the next visualization?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

4 MS. WOODS: So this is the eastern
5 Coachella Valley with Imperial County, and it's
6 the entire county of Imperial intact, and it
7 includes eastern portions of the Coachella Valley,
8 including Desert Hot Springs, Thousand Palms,
9 Cathedral City, Indio, Coachella, Thermal, Mecca.

10 The population of this area is
11 467,035. The deviation is 1,361. The Latino
12 C.V.A.P. is 50.25 percent, the black C.V.A.P. is
13 5.27 percent, and the Asian C.V.A.P. is 2.08
14 percent.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Comments?

16 MR. BROWN: Commissioner?

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, yes,
18 Mr. Brown first.

19 MR. BROWN: I think one thing we're
20 going to want to consider is whether there's a
21 compactness issue the way this is -- just the way
22 the population pattern is in -- in this area.

23 So if there is -- that doesn't mean
24 you can't draw the district, but -- but it may not
25 be a Section 2 district.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

2 Commission Forbes.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, just two
4 comments. One is I think again that divides the
5 Coachella Valley. We heard a whole bunch of
6 testimony about -- and I also would also like to
7 see what is -- what the cusp of Coachella Valley
8 is associated with here. What -- what are we
9 doing in that district? Are we going over the
10 mountain with it?

11 I mean, I -- I don't know what else
12 you'd do with it, but I don't -- I don't think
13 this is consistent with most of the testimony that
14 we heard.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
16 Filkins-Webber.

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
18 agree. I -- in looking at this, we do have a
19 distinct compactness issue, and my recommendation
20 would be to consider the testimony that we had in
21 San Diego for the border district and preserving
22 county lines before we consider crossing.

23 It's that same instruction that we
24 had given before if you're trying to pick a
25 population, but this doesn't look like, as

1 Mr. Brown had just said, whether -- because
2 there's no compact -- you don't meet the first
3 Gingles.

4 It looks like you're searching for
5 population, but since it's not there, it doesn't
6 look like this is going to be a Section 2 concern.
7 So if that's the case, we'd respect the -- the
8 county boundaries even though I know there are
9 some other issues in this area and some other
10 C.O.I. testimony in that regard.

11 But I have real problem with
12 putting Desert Hot Springs with Brawley.

13 MS. WOODS: So I also have
14 visualizations for the Coachella Valley and then
15 the border district as well.

16 MS. MACDONALD: Should we move to
17 that one?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, please.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Question:
20 Just in terms of underlying assumption, were you
21 starting with the possibility of a Section 2
22 district?

23 MS. WOODS: So -- so what I was
24 just basically looking at waif, you know, it was
25 possible to find -- or to -- if this area was --

1 you know, we did get some testimony with Coachella
2 Valley with Imperial, so I -- I looked into that,
3 and, you know, in this instance in South San Diego
4 and with Imperial and Coachella Valley being
5 separated, there's -- there -- both of those areas
6 were over 50 percent C.V.A.P.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So when you
8 tried the border configuration and if you started
9 with Imperial County and were trying to create a
10 Section 2 district, was this the only way you
11 could really get the number above 50 percent, or
12 was there a possibility of going along the border?

13 MS. WOODS: You can go along the
14 border, and I can show that one next or I can just
15 show Coachella Valley. It's your preference.

16 MS. MACDONALD: So the trade-off is
17 you can draw -- draw these two districts or you
18 can draw one 50 percent plus. So -- so there --
19 there are some geographically compact areas, and
20 basically -- also, these districts are just very
21 large because this is a pretty sparsely populated
22 area, you know, and you have to go -- I mean,
23 these are big districts.

24 So essentially she just tried out
25 some variations and looked what the outcome of

1 that was. So the outcome of it was that if you go
2 north, and there's some testimony about it, then
3 you have X outcome. If you go south along the
4 border, you have Y outcome.

5 And it effects basically how
6 many -- how many districts you have that are above
7 50 percent C.V.A.P. That's essentially what
8 you're looking at here.

9 MS. WOODS: So this border district
10 includes the entire county of Imperial and then
11 in -- in San Diego County it includes Jacumba,
12 Boulevard, Campo, Potrero, and then the
13 southern -- again, the southern part of the city
14 of San Diego, Imperial Beach, and part of Chula
15 Vista.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
17 Dai.

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: Can you put the
19 concen- -- population concentration for Latinos?

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
21 DiGuilio, while we're waiting.

22 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Just out of
23 curiosity, on the western edge with this
24 visualization --

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Wait. If

1 it's going to -- while they're working, that might
2 be a hard one for them to hear you, if you're
3 asking of them.

4 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let them get
6 the other map up, then.

7 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I just
8 didn't know how it affected that city.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We got to
10 kind of pause here.

11 MS. MACDONALD: So this is the
12 Latino C.V.A.P. Would you like us to zoom out so
13 can you see both -- both counties?

14 UNKNOWN COMMISSIONER: Uh-huh.

15 MS. WOODS: So this area has a
16 population of 466,232 with a deviation of 558.
17 Latino C.V.A.P. of 55.27 percent, black C.V.A.P.
18 of 5.56 percent, Asian C.V.A.P. of 7.3 percent.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
20 DiGuilio, did that address your question?

21 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I just had
22 a question as to how if this visualization
23 impacted what you had done prior with National
24 City, so you -- if you do this, you can't do the
25 National City. Okay.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

2 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
4 Blanco.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: This is for
6 Mr. Brown. Did -- did you have the similar
7 compactness concerns about this one that goes from
8 the ocean to the desert?

9 MR. BROWN: Yes.

10 MS. MACDONALD: If I may, well
11 how -- how old you like to --

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
13 DiGuilio and then Commissioner Dai.

14 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I guess
15 I'm -- I'm interested to see what other people
16 think as well.

17 But I think there was some
18 legitimate testimony about the southern part of --
19 I don't know if we want to split Imperial County,
20 but I think there's some legitimate testimony that
21 the southern part of Imperial County really links
22 with -- kind of runs along the border, San Diego,
23 or maybe some of the northern part could
24 legitimately go to Coachella Valley.

25 But, you know, I think at some

1 point we have to -- either way, because, again, as
2 they said, this is such a large area with very
3 little population, they're going to be not very
4 compact, so we have to make a decision.

5 And I think part of that, in mind
6 also, is the result of what happens -- if we do
7 this, what happens with Coachella Valley, and if
8 we have two options that looks semi-good or one
9 that looks strong but the other one's really
10 weak -- this isn't just an isolation for me. I'd
11 like to see all of the other options.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
13 Dai and then Commissioner Forbes.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I was
15 wondering if you can throw up the -- I assume you
16 have one that shows Coachella Valley whole?

17 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That's it right
18 there.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: Oh, I see. It
20 goes all the way over there. But it -- it doesn't
21 include the -- the Salton Sea part?

22 MS. WOODS: No.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: As I recall,
24 there was not much population in the Imperial
25 Valley part of the Salton City.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: About 20,000
2 people.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

4 MS. WOODS: So -- so this area goes
5 west to Cabazon but does not cross over into
6 Banning, Beaumont, and includes Idyllwild and the
7 cities south.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
10 Commissioner --

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I -- i think
12 this -- this configuration there's much less
13 violence to the Coachella Valley. And also, I
14 mean, I -- I can think of at least four ways where
15 the C.O.I. talked about the connection between San
16 Diego and the southern Imperial County.

17 If they go to the hospital, they
18 don't go to Coachella Valley, they go to
19 San Diego, they go down Interstate 10. They've
20 got -- the emergency system was out there. All
21 the C.O.I., you know, connector testimony really
22 was through San Diego.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
24 Ontai.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: East west.

1 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And -- and I
2 would -- I would say the same thing. There was a
3 lot of C.O.I. testimony connecting the San Diego
4 portion, the lower part of San Diego County and
5 Imperial County with a lot of social needs, health
6 needs, educational institutions. There was really
7 a lot of C.O.I. testimony to that.

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: I've
9 been thinking about this area of the state a lot,
10 and I think there's -- there's two different ways
11 it breaks down in my mind. One is from an
12 environmental perspective.

13 And from an environmental
14 perspective, I think the previous alternative
15 makes more sense, but given that our job is about
16 connecting people and voters and it's more about,
17 you know, social issues, economic issues, et
18 cetera, I think this is a compromise between the
19 two.

20 I feel like based on the C.O.I.
21 testimony we have to date, that -- that this makes
22 the most sense to me.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
24 DiGuilio.

25 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I just had

1 one question. I know it's not a significant
2 population, but we did hear some about the
3 northern part of Salton Sea, the northern part of
4 Imperial County and its link for some of those
5 individuals who do seem like they go to Coachella
6 Valley for services.

7 Again, it's maybe a small
8 percentage, but should we consider maybe taking
9 some of those people and putting them in Coachella
10 Valley? I don't know if that makes other
11 implications, but I -- I don't know. I'm just --
12 I am -- similar to Commissioner Galambos-Malloy,
13 I'm trying to see if there's a way to marry both
14 of those -- those things a little bit, but I --

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
16 Filkins-Webber.

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I'm
18 sorry, I didn't understand what Commissioner
19 DiGuilio was saying, because where -- if you look,
20 right now we do have the Latino numbers there, and
21 so I don't know what individuals in Imperial
22 County you're saying are connected with Coachella
23 other than maybe one or two people we had in Palm
24 Springs that came from Brawley.

25 But as I had forecasted and what we

1 saw in San Diego was all the Brawley people that
2 talked about the eight. So what area are you
3 talking about?

4 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: No, I -- I
5 wouldn't go down that far to Brawley. I'm talking
6 about the very small number of -- there's a little
7 yellow patch there just --

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: That
9 yellow patch is Salton Sea -- I mean Salton City.

10 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: But there
11 were -- yeah, there are --

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And
13 there's no agriculture in Salton City right there,
14 so if you're trying to connect Coachella Valley, I
15 would just maybe ask Bonnie or somebody to go back
16 and look at testimony, but I don't think anybody
17 came from Salton City right there, because there's
18 no agriculture in the yellow part right there.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
20 DiGuilio and then Commissioner Blanco.

21 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I don't
22 believe I was basing it on agriculture. I recall
23 some people talking about education, actually, and
24 some other services in terms of their school
25 systems being linked from Coachella Valley down

1 there, but I would -- I would like to have --

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: We
3 need to double-check, because I don't think
4 there's any schools right there in Salton City.

5 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Well,
6 that's why I'm saying they went north for their
7 services.

8 MS. MACDONALD: She just checked --

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. We'll
10 check that. In the meanwhile, Commissioner
11 Blanco.

12 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Oh, Bonnie
13 did.

14 MS. MACDONALD: She just -- she
15 just did it, but I hope I --

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh.

17 MS. MACDONALD: -- asked her to
18 check for the right things.

19 MS. GLASER: There was a woman who
20 worked with children in Coachella Valley and she
21 said all the way down to El Centro. I think that
22 might have been what you were thinking of. And
23 she considered Imperial Valley to go all the way
24 to the Mexican border as well. So she -- she
25 included Salton, everything in -- in terms of the

1 servicing that she did.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
3 Blanco.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I just have a
5 question in this visualization about where it
6 curls -- where it goes over -- if we can zoom in
7 on where this picks up in southeast San Diego.

8 MS. WOODS: So it just splits the
9 city of Chula Vista. I actually made some other
10 visualizations which are more refined that are
11 split at the 805. I can pull those up if you
12 would rather see that.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, that's
14 interesting because we -- we did also get the
15 testimony about -- from the Asian community about
16 splitting Chula Vista east 5, so this might
17 actually accomplish that as well. And it also
18 picks up the neighborhoods we were just talking
19 about with Barrio Logan.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
21 Dai.

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: Just one minor
23 refinement. At the top of Coachella Valley,
24 weren't there a couple of cities that they
25 identified further north? I know that would cause

1 splitting a county, but I seem to recall some
2 C.O.I. testimony.

3 (Inaudible.)

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, there were
5 just a couple of little communities around the top
6 there. Or was it the other way? Did the folks at
7 the top identify with the -- with the Coachella
8 Valley? Do you guys remember?

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Are you
10 talking about around the Salton City or --

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: No.

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: This
13 commission --

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Morongo, Yucca
15 Valley, Joshua Tree, Twentynine Palms.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
17 thought it was -- this is Commissioner Forbes. I
18 thought it was Big Bear and Big Bear City, Big
19 Bear Lake and Big Bear City, because they're up in
20 the mountains and they would come down to
21 Coachella Valley. I thought that's what they
22 said.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: No. I remember
24 specifically about Twentynine Palms, that whole
25 area. But I -- I can't remember which direction

1 it went.

2 Bonnie, do you mind looking that
3 up?

4 MS. GLASER: No.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess the
6 conversation has tend to be Imperial Valley with
7 San Diego, and if there's a question, it's whether
8 you would go in -- in and around the Salton Sea
9 relative to Riverside, but if that --

10 Mr. Brown.

11 MR. BROWN: I just wanted to point
12 out that with respect to this border district,
13 this is an example where if we're not going to
14 meet the first Gingles precondition, then you need
15 to look to make sure you've got reliable community
16 of interest testimony to support the --

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We got a lot
18 of that.

19 MR. BROWN: -- district.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is that the
21 general consensus that would be the direction we
22 would go?

23 (No audible response.)

24 MS. MACDONALD: I'm sorry, we're
25 just looking for Twentynine Palms and we haven't

1 been able to lo -- locate it in -- in the
2 database, but we'll do further searching.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think
4 we've kind of moved towards Imperial County to
5 San Diego.

6 MS. MACDONALD: That sounds good.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

8 MS. MACDONALD: So we'll move to
9 the senate districts?

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes. Why
11 don't we take a break now and then we can -- let's
12 take a five-minute break and then we'll come right
13 back.

14 (Whereupon, a recess was held
15 from 4:09 p.m. to 4:18 p.m.)

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I've
17 been informed by Q2 that if we move along, we
18 might be out of here by 5:30, so -- not that I
19 want to motivate you or anything, but.

20 Christian, are we about ready?

21 CHRISTIAN: We're ready.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let it roll.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so we're
24 moving on to the next -- to -- where are we going?
25 I'm going to pass this on to the mapper. As long

1 as we're still in California, we're good.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We have a
3 quick -- whoa. Whoa. One conversation at a time.
4 Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: While
6 you're pulling that up, I did have a question for
7 Mr. Brown. As Mr. -- or Commissioner Ancheta and
8 I are trying to highlight areas of concern for
9 potential Section 2, out of the last ones that we
10 have seen this afternoon, like Coachella Valley,
11 the way we've designated them, Coachella Valley,
12 then we had Imperial and South San Diego.

13 Are there ones that you've
14 highlighted -- I had one note for potential R.P.V.
15 in the San Bernardino metro area, but have you
16 highlighted any of them that Commissioner Ancheta
17 and I need to -- to highlight for ourselves as
18 potential Section 2 out of last few ones we went
19 through?

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just to add,
21 I have -- well, let me start with the -- the metro
22 you just mentioned.

23 So I have San Bernardino Metro, and
24 we were advised to include Muscoy, South
25 San Diego, Coachella Valley/Imperial County as one

1 variant. The other variant is South San
2 Diego/Imperial County, essentially a border
3 district, and I didn't know if that was sort of a
4 district that keeps Coachella Valley whole, but
5 the percentage is only about 29 percent. And
6 maybe that's -- I just noted this.

7 MR. BROWN: I'll just tell you what
8 I have now, but then let's try to follow up over
9 the next couple of days.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. Yeah.

11 MR. BROWN: So I have Pomona
12 Valley.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Oh, I have
14 more than that, but I started with the ones you
15 referenced.

16 MR. BROWN: I have the San
17 Bernardino Metro, the South San Diego that was in
18 the city of San Diego, plus I guess National City
19 and Chula Vista.

20 But the border district I'm not
21 treating as a Section 2 district because you're
22 going to rely on community of interest testimony
23 for that.

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

25 MR. BROWN: And you, I believe,

1 implicitly rejected the Coachella Valley with
2 Imperial Valley.

3 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yes.

4 MR. BROWN: So nothing to do there.
5 And the -- the one that's keeping Coachella Valley
6 whole is not a Section 2 area, at least as
7 currently drawn. Okay. So no -- no R.P.V. to
8 gather there.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

10 Ms. MacDonald.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. Yes, I am
12 back. So we're now moving on to some senate
13 district visualizations for Alex's area, and she's
14 going to walk you through.

15 MS. WOODS: So these are -- I
16 nested basically to the assembly districts we just
17 looked at, so this is the Pomona Valley assembly
18 district with the San Bernardino area, so it's the
19 cities of Pomona, Montclair, Chino, Ontario,
20 Fontana, Bloomington, Rialto, Colton, Grand
21 Terrace and that portion of San Bernardino.

22 And it does not include Muscoy
23 because I had previously made this visualization.

24 The population of this area is
25 930,695. And the Latino C.V.A.P. is 51.47

1 percent, the black C.V.A.P. is 12.61 percent, and
2 the Asian C.V.A.P. is 5.74 percent.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
4 Yao.

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: This is a simple
6 nesting; right? You didn't make any adjustments
7 outside of tying up two assembly districts?

8 MS. MACDONALD: No, she has not --
9 she has not made any adjustments, so basically
10 it's just nesting and seeing what happened with
11 the numbers.

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: It seemed to
13 work.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes. Okay.
15 Move on. Oh, excuse me.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: It's
17 a senate district?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's a
19 senate district, yes.

20 MS. MACDONALD: So the only other
21 nested -- the only other senate district she has
22 actually are nested senate districts as well that
23 were built off of some of the visualizations that
24 we have now significantly changed.

25 So again, as in Nicole's areas, we

1 would like to work on the assembly plan first and
2 then see what the possibility for nesting is and,
3 you know, how that would contribute to our V.R.A.
4 concerns, run that -- you know, talk to Gibson
5 Dunn about those and look at city splits and --
6 and all that, see if something could be avoided by
7 nesting, share the pain, spread the pain kind of
8 principle and -- and then see -- see what happens.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
10 Filkins-Webber.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: One
12 comment I would have now that I see what you've
13 done in that this is a senate district, going back
14 as far as Claremont meeting before we even held
15 any input hearings, San Bernardino did have quite
16 a number of speakers, and there's a possibility
17 you're going to draw another assembly district
18 over in the area that says Highland, Redlands.

19 And in respecting some of the
20 testimony, we might wish to consider that you look
21 at the possibility of nesting the Ebony Triangle
22 with the Highland district that you're probably
23 going to draw to the -- to the east, and that
24 might be one senate district that would be
25 supported by quite a number of residents that came

1 from the San Bernardino area.

2 So if we're looking at that --
3 again, I don't know if we have a Section 2 issue,
4 because we haven't drawn an assembly over in the
5 Highlands/Redlands area, but it's something to
6 keep in mind as an option.

7 Because in this way San Bernardino
8 County -- or at least the metro, main portion of
9 San Bernardino County there could be two assembly
10 districts nested within one senate district and
11 would be highly supported probably by all of the
12 residents we've heard from that area and some of
13 the presenters from the other day.

14 MS. MACDONALD: May I ask a general
15 question?

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Sure.

17 MS. MACDONALD: When we're looking
18 at some nesting options to show you next week, is
19 it okay to actually nest across counties? I mean,
20 we're going to probably have to do this in -- in
21 some -- you know, in some instances anyway, but I
22 just wanted to --

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think in
24 the --

25 MS. MACDONALD: -- first of all

1 point out that that is something that will happen,
2 and if you have some preferences or if you'd like
3 to give us some guidance on that. And again, I'm
4 not saying that you can nest everything, right.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes. I
6 think an example that Commissioner Webber just
7 identified, this would be -- when you think -- if
8 you have another direction over in San Bernardino,
9 it would be better to nest the two assembly
10 districts in San Bernardino together rather than
11 go over county.

12 But we understand that from time to
13 time you'll have to go over a county.

14 Commissioner Yao.

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: By making this
16 nesting decision of the Pomona, Montclair, along
17 with San Bernardino and so on, basically
18 indirectly we're forcing Rancho and Upland to be
19 nested with the -- with the Los Angeles County.

20 And -- and I suspect that there's
21 probably opposition to that decision as well, so
22 we -- we basically listened to the Pomona speakers
23 and -- and made the decision to allow Pomona to --
24 to be part of the San Bernardino County in coming
25 up with the assembly.

1 But that forces the -- the --
2 the -- the -- the marriage of the San Bernardino
3 cities with the Los Angeles County, so I -- I
4 don't know whether we want to discuss that
5 trade-off or not, but -- but that's really what we
6 have done.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
8 Blanco.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I have a
10 question about how this works in term -- is this
11 one -- so is this one of the areas that we're
12 doing the racially polarized voting analysis
13 from -- for? I can't remember. Pomona Valley?

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'm getting
15 a nod of the head from Mr. Brown.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes? Yes?
17 And when -- when we do that, do you it separately
18 for an assembly and then separately for a senate?
19 How does that work?

20 MR. BROWN: We'll want to consult
21 with the expert that we hired, but my sense is
22 you're going to do it for the geographic area that
23 you're interested in.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. So in
25 answer to your question, Ms. MacDonald, I think

1 once you get all the assembly districts done, to
2 the extent you can stay in a county, stay in a
3 county. If it's absolutely necessary to go across
4 a county, then make that decision and show us,
5 then we'll come back and let you know if you did
6 the right thing.

7 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you.

8 So we will move on to congress very
9 quickly. And then we're done with this area and
10 then Tamina will come back and first show us the
11 Section 5 area so that Mr. Brown can make his --
12 make his flight, and then we can talk about all
13 the other visualizations that she's prepared since
14 yesterday.

15 And I don't think that will be a
16 very, very long presentation, because it does take
17 a long time to do this stuff. And we were ordered
18 to sleep last night. Even -- even though some of
19 us were pretty defiant of that order.

20 MS. WOODS: I apologize. Every
21 time I bring up a new map, I have to adjust the
22 length of it.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It looks
24 like an architect's map of San Diego.

25 MS. WOODS: So this is Imperial

1 County with South San Diego. This is
2 congressional. The population of this area is
3 702,927 with a deviation of 22. The Latino
4 C.V.A.P. is 51.06, the black C.V.A.P. is 10.59
5 percent, and the Asian C.V.A.P. is 8.71 percent.

6 And I'll zoom in to San Diego so
7 you can see what areas were included. So it
8 includes Imperial Beach, part of Chula Vista,
9 National City, and again, the -- the areas around
10 Sherman Heights and Logan Heights.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
12 DiGuilio.

13 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So in this
14 visualization, National City is whole?

15 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Okay. So
17 in the other visualizations, it was split, so this
18 would be an opportunity for them as a city to be
19 whole?

20 MS. WOODS: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Spreading
22 the pain.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And -- and
24 that's part of the -- that's the reason for the
25 San Joaquin finger to be there.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, we moved that
2 finger from San Joaquin.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That is
4 spreading the pain. The transplant.

5 Commissioner Ancheta.

6 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So is the --
7 the assumption, then, is that Coronado goes as a
8 part of coastal, sort of implicit in this
9 configuration?

10 MS. WOODS: Yeah, so it's the --
11 basically the same issue that we were just
12 discussing.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
15 comments?

16 (No audible response.)

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.
18 Next.

19 MS. WOODS: So this is the Pomona
20 Valley area including Rancho Cucamonga, and so
21 it's Pomona -- Pomona, Montclair, Chino, Ontario,
22 Rancho Cucamonga, and then part of Fontana.

23 The population is 705,770 -- 768
24 with a pretty high deviation, so I would have to
25 tweak that. And the Latino C.V.A.P. is 43.87

1 percent, the black C.V.A.P. is 9.94 percent, and
2 the Asian C.V.A.P. is 7.1 percent.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any
4 comments?

5 (No audible response.)

6 MS. WOODS: I -- I made a bunch of
7 iterations of this area, so if there's another --
8 the other configurations I have is with --

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
10 Ancheta.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Could you
12 just move the box to the side so I can see the
13 borders?

14 MS. WOODS: Sure.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So what is
16 that sort of odd loop on the -- I saw that before
17 in Upland. How does that -- is that a
18 noncontiguous, unpopulated --

19 MS. WOODS: I'm not sure. There --
20 there might be something interesting with the city
21 borders. Let me check that out.

22 MS. MACDONALD: That's why we need
23 a day before, you know, we -- we show you the
24 draft maps, to make sure that everything is
25 included, contiguity checks, things like that.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We'll assume
2 that will either be connected or it will go away.
3 Okay?

4 MS. MACDONALD: Hopefully, yeah,
5 in -- in some fashion, because, you know, there's
6 funky things that happen with -- with cities, as
7 we know.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
9 Commissioner Dai.

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Since you need
11 to lose population, my only suggestion would be to
12 lose it from Fontana, since -- since again, the
13 Ebony Triangle is there.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
15 comments?

16 Commissioner Yao.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Are we splitting
18 Fontana in this particular case?

19 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Northern Rancho
21 Cucamonga is different from the southern Rancho
22 Cucamonga, especially along the foothill area. So
23 I think that may make a -- make a -- make more
24 sense to split it in that manner as compared to
25 splitting it north/south on Fontana.

1 MS. WOODS: What would -- what
2 would the border --

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I was
4 going to say that Route 66 north Foothill
5 Boulevard.

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: On the 210 --

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well,
8 when you're coming over here -- go ahead.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, if -- if
10 you were to split Rancho Cucamonga to 210 freeway
11 probably would be a good -- good -- good split.
12 Yeah, right there, to the --

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
14 That's the 10. You would have to go further.

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: Up higher, yeah.

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: There is a
17 freeway there.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: It's
19 brand new.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's being
21 built. Okay. Did you get that suggestion?

22 MS. WOODS: So what -- what was the
23 freeway number?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It would be
25 the 10. Or the 210.

1 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: The 210.

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: If you are
3 looking for it, it's going to be above that 30
4 line. So --

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
6 That's why I was wondering if you would agree that
7 the foothills of this area, Rancho Cucamonga, do
8 kind of come a little further south of the 30. So
9 if we needed to get additional population, would
10 you have any disagreement of coming a bit further,
11 like down to maybe the 30 or Foothill Boulevard?
12 Foothill Boulevard --

13 COMMISSIONER YAO: That would take
14 out population in Fontana.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And use the
16 microphone whenever you can.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yes, come
18 down -- come down to as low as 30 and then pick up
19 the lost population from the Fontana side of
20 the -- of the boundary.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other
22 comments?

23 (No audible response.)

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
25 Ms. MacDonald, is that sufficient for this area,

1 then?

2 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, I think we're
3 fine with this area. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Hold it.
5 Ms. Filkins-Webber.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Did
7 you -- you said that you had some other versions
8 of this.

9 MS. WOODS: Yeah, I did. So I also
10 looked at including it with Fontana and part of
11 Rialto instead of going up to Rancho Cucamonga,
12 but per your previous discussion, I wanted to show
13 this one first.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay,
15 so your other iteration includes Rialto, which we
16 are not inclined to probably agree with, and then
17 did you say you had one more? A third one for
18 this area?

19 MS. WOODS: I -- I think all of
20 them are just basically going east into -- towards
21 San Bernardino, so.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So I -- the
23 indication would be when we get together again,
24 we'd like to see both of those. Is that correct?
25 Unless you want to see both of them now and give a

1 stronger direction.

2 MS. WOODS: It would probably be
3 better now if --

4 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. So
6 let's see the other one, then we can decide if we
7 like one more than the other.

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
9 just -- while you're pulling that up, I -- I --
10 following on Commissioner Dai, what she had said
11 about the Ebony Triangle, and again, going all the
12 way back to Claremont and -- and their history
13 and -- and what they wanted to do in the
14 population in San Bernardino likely justifying a
15 congressional district, I don't recall, you know,
16 getting any specific, again, testimony.

17 I know we're looking at larger
18 district here that would combine Fontana with
19 Pomona. It kind of runs a little further east.
20 But you needed to take out population from the
21 district you were at anyway. So do you -- I guess
22 we can see the other version.

23 MS. WOODS: I -- I -- I have -- I
24 have one visualization that includes Pomona and
25 goes east to -- towards San Bernardino and one

1 that excludes it and just within San Bernardino
2 County, so which is -- would you prefer to --

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The one
4 within San Bernardino County, I would say.

5 MS. WOODS: Okay. So this is -- so
6 it does not cross the -- the county border. It
7 includes Montclair and Ontario. It does not
8 include Chino, and it goes east to Fontana and
9 includes Fontana, Bloomington, Rialto, Colton,
10 Grand Terrace, and again, splits the city of San
11 Bernardino.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Six people
13 off, did I read that correctly?

14 MS. WOODS: Yes. And so, yeah, so
15 the population is 702,911 with a deviation of six.
16 The Latino C.V.A.P. is 52.2 percent, the black
17 C.V.A.P. is 13.46 percent, and the Asian C.V.A.P.
18 is 4.71 percent.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
20 Yao.

21 COMMISSIONER YAO: I think if you
22 want to honor the county boundary line, you
23 probably should include Upland and Rancho in this
24 district as well, because I think their
25 association with Ontario is -- is fairly strong.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: What would
2 that do to C.V.A.P.? I don't -- that would be a
3 question, I would think.

4 Would the suggestion be that we
5 look at this one and the one that Commissioner Yao
6 suggested next week, then, and see what it does to
7 the C.V.A.P. as well as the population?

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah,
9 I would -- I would agree. The -- you can see it
10 right here, just -- just transportation corridor,
11 and -- and it really is consistent with the
12 communities.

13 You see the -- the county line at
14 Montclair, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario and
15 Chino bordering the 15 freeway. And then giving
16 the respect back to the Fontana, Rialto,
17 Bloomington, Colton and moving further east.

18 That's how I kind of picture these
19 congressional districts based on the testimony we
20 received and based on my knowledge of the -- the
21 population when we're looking at these larger
22 districts, giving back to San Bernardino what they
23 had lost before and based on what they -- they've
24 testified to, because I really just don't see
25 Rialto with Montclair.

1 Even in a larger congressional
2 district, I -- I just don't see it.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Does that --
4 that make sense, Ms. MacDonald, we can do that
5 district?

6 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

8 MS. MACDONALD: So we'll move on to
9 the next one?

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we're going
12 back to Anaheim.

13 MS. WOODS: Again, this is a
14 previous visualization I made, so I might need
15 some tweaking with the exclusion of Anaheim Hills
16 area.

17 The population of this area is
18 702,710 with a deviation of -- it's missing 195.
19 The Latino C.V.A.P. is the 42.89 percent, the
20 black C.V.A.P. is 3.08 percent, and the Asian
21 C.V.A.P. is 17.43 percent.

22 This includes the entire city of
23 Santa Ana, and it also includes part of the city
24 of Anaheim, part of the city of Garden Grove and
25 part of the city of Orange.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
2 Forbes.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: One question:
4 Given the high C.V.A.P. of Asian population there,
5 have we little split, like, Little Saigon and the
6 other Asian districts out? Are they divided?

7 MS. WOODS: It would affect the
8 Little Saigon area.

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, okay.
10 I -- I would try and keep that together. I mean,
11 they -- they -- they said they had 350,000
12 members, so, you know, that gives them clout if
13 they're together.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
15 Ontai, then -- Commissioner Ontai and then
16 Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It's not clear
18 to me. Could you show that Little Saigon, where
19 that area is?

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
21 That's what my question is. There are designated
22 borders for that, so I was wondering if you had
23 that in your system, because I don't see that
24 Little Saigon is actually in here.

25 In -- if it's east of that

1 borderline near Garden Grove, then it's clear and
2 wouldn't necessarily be included in here from my
3 understanding of Little Saigon. So if you had the
4 borders from that designation.

5 MS. WOODS: I'm adding them now.

6 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: In Westminster,
7 you'll see -- you'll see it there.

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yes,
9 correct. It is.

10 MS. MACDONALD: One second. She's
11 going -- she's going to pull the border up.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Can we just
13 give the direction that we would like to see
14 Little Saigon in that district and then they can
15 come back later?

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Actually, can
17 I broaden that slightly to say if there's -- I
18 mean, I don't -- you don't need to put the map up.
19 But if there are significant Asian populations
20 that have been put into the San -- that district,
21 that they ought to be pulled out of that district
22 so we can have a -- a significant Asian population
23 in another district.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

25 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah, that would

1 be good.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That would
3 divide up the Asian population so it shows up
4 reasonably in two districts.

5 MS. WOODS: So the -- the borders
6 of the Little Saigon area are these blue lines,
7 all of the blue lines are the C.O.I. that -- that
8 you designated at the wrap-up. So -- so it's
9 Fountain Valley, Westminster, Stanton, Garden
10 Grove. And then the brown line is the congress --
11 the hypothetical congressional district.

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay,
13 so you -- you just took the -- the testimony of
14 some borders from high concentration of Asian
15 population but didn't compare it to what the
16 actual designated area of Little Saigon is?

17 MS. WOODS: So this is from the
18 wrap-up. This is what we discussed.

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.
20 But I understand, but then there was a designation
21 by Governor Deukmejian of the actual area of
22 Little Saigon, and that's not included in this
23 congressional district.

24 MS. WOODS: I -- I haven't looked
25 at that designation.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.
2 I just don't want us to get confused. You're
3 calling it Little Saigon district based on the
4 C.O.I. testimony we received in an input hearing.
5 I'm saying that there's a separate legal
6 definition from Governor Deukmejian's designation
7 of that area.

8 And if we have to get down to
9 nuances in drawing lines, we might want to respect
10 at least the actual legal definition of Little
11 Saigon versus this configuration.

12 And so we just want to make sure
13 when we're using that terminology, that -- that
14 the Commission understands and that you can
15 understand, when we're talking about Little
16 Saigon, we should probably talk about the actual
17 designation by the State for --

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
19 Parvenu.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: --
21 for respect to the neighborhood anyway.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
23 Parvenu.

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I recall
25 that we had testimony, a representative from

1 Little Saigon --

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: (Inaudible).

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: -- and it
4 gave us the actual streets that Commissioner
5 Filkins-Webber.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Sure,
7 but that's --

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let's --
9 let's just leave it to them to get that district
10 and then we can get to the next subject.

11 Commissioner Yao.

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: There also was
13 great interest in term of separating the northern
14 Orange County from the rest of Orange County. I
15 don't know whether there is enough population in
16 the northern Orange County to make up an assembly
17 district or not.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We're
19 talking congressional district.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Congressional
21 district or not.

22 MS. WOODS: So I think this is what
23 we were looking at at the wrap-up and the
24 population of Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra,
25 Placentia, and Yorba Linda is 434,783.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: If we go all the
2 way down to Anaheim, does that give us enough
3 population for an assembly district?

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: A
5 congressional district.

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: Sorry.
7 Congressional district.

8 MS. WOODS: I'm just pulling up the
9 population for Anaheim.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: Because if it's
11 necessary to split up Orange County, that probably
12 is the most rational way of splitting it as
13 compared to any other method.

14 MS. WOODS: So the population of
15 Anaheim is 336,265.

16 (Inaudible.)

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, that would
18 be about 760 something, so more than we need.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Mr. Ward.

20 COMMISSIONER WARD: Does that total
21 include Anaheim Hills?

22 MS. WOODS: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So is the
24 direction to try to create a congressional
25 district from the north down? Is that --

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: I would like to
2 see -- I would like to see -- see -- see if that
3 can be done.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
5 Ms. MacDonald, is that something you could --
6 could address?

7 MS. WOODS: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you. And I
10 think that's it for congressional.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

12 MS. MACDONALD: We may have some
13 general questions, but we can't really come up
14 with them right now, so you will get them -- you
15 will get them next week, and some of them were
16 probably the same that I had with Nicole, which
17 was the, you know, absolutely no, kind of in the
18 middle, and -- and yes.

19 So it has to do with, you know,
20 handoffs, where do you go? If you have to go from
21 one area to the other, where do you go. Where
22 would it be possible? And --

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I can
24 figure where your next question might be.

25 MS. MACDONALD: Would you mind

1 giving me the answer?

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well,
3 I think you're going to get into this issue with
4 Anaheim Hills, because -- but looking at the
5 population, because of the -- the nature of the
6 geography and the nature of the people and the
7 socioeconomic, Anaheim Hills goes with Villa Park
8 and some of the back roads that go in there and
9 parts of Orange.

10 So when you're looking at getting
11 to that other number and looking at Fullerton,
12 Brea -- I mean, Fullerton, Placentia, Yorba Linda,
13 you might wonder what are you going to do with
14 Anaheim Hills if it's not going to be in the same
15 district with -- with Anaheim if we take a look at
16 the prior instructions.

17 So I can see that you're going to
18 get into this area, what do you do with Villa Park
19 because we haven't heard anything from Villa Park,
20 but I'm very familiar with that area as well.

21 So you might have to come back to
22 us with that question, but that might correspond
23 with our prior direction regarding what to do with
24 the assembly district.

25 MS. WOODS: Yeah, I -- I think

1 my -- my general questions, like we haven't really
2 discussed where Orange and Villa Park go or --
3 I'm -- I'm really -- I need to touch base with
4 Nicole and talk to her about this Chino Hills
5 area, because this is not something that we've
6 addressed.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: If
8 you're talking about the area where the hand is --

9 MS. WOODS: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: --
11 you would not be crossing that. There -- there's
12 a mountain range right there with the -- with the
13 dam and there's no way of really -- you can't
14 even -- there's not even houses built on the top
15 of those ridges right there between the border of
16 Yorba Linda.

17 I mean, there are some back roads
18 through there but that -- that wouldn't be an area
19 where I think that we've heard -- it wouldn't go
20 in that direction.

21 MS. WOODS: But my question was,
22 I -- I assume you've addressed with Nicole where
23 Chino Hills --

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yes,
25 we actually had on not going over in an assembly

1 district from Yorba Linda into Chino hills that
2 way.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

4 MS. WOODS: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.
6 So we can move on the next -- into the next area?

7 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, we'll swap
8 mappers.

9 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:
10 Commissioner, I wanted to --

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- one
13 issue --

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
15 Ancheta.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Before we
17 leave the area. Just the Little Saigon question,
18 because Commissioner Filkins-Webber referred to
19 the Deukmejian designation back in 1988, which was
20 an official designation in 1988. I'm not sure if
21 that's the best definition given some test --
22 Commissioner Parvenu raised a question about other
23 testimony we've gotten, which I -- I think
24 would --

25 (Inaudible.)

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, would
2 have a larger boundary, but --

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, why
4 don't we make sure that we have the congress --
5 the gubernatorial designation and what they
6 described to us currently and have that available
7 for -- for our observation.

8 Commissioner Yao.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: For the purpose
10 of this draft map, why don't we take the largest
11 area.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think we
13 probably need to know what that is and what the
14 implications are.

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right, satisfy
16 the largest number of people.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But I think
18 we can make that decision if we saw both.

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

21 Commissioner Dai.

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: And just before
23 we leave this area, I did find the testimony, as
24 did Bonnie about Twentynine Palms and they did
25 link it south to the Coachella Valley. So it was

1 Twentynine Palms, Yucca and Joshua Tree was
2 Speaker 32, who was from La Quinta in Palm
3 Springs.

4 MS. WOODS: Did they also include
5 Morongo Valley?

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: It
7 would.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: I don't have
9 that in my notes, but those were the three that
10 were mentioned.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And
12 that's the traffic corridor to get out to
13 Twentynine Palms, so -- and that's at the closest
14 border of Riverside County into, obviously, Casita
15 Morongo, which is on the Riverside County side.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, and then
17 the -- and the following speaker talked about the
18 keeping the desert together, transportation from
19 Mecca, Thermal, all the way to La Quinta.

20 MS. WOODS: So would you recommend
21 going to that area over going east to Idyllwild,
22 Cabazon and south of Idyllwild?

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: I defer to
24 Commissioner Filkins-Webber on that.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Let's

1 take a look at both options, because when you're
2 looking at Idyllwild, I -- I'd like to just
3 refresh my memory on those issues with -- because
4 you left out Beaumont and Banning.

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes.

6 MS. WOODS: Correct.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So
8 it's possible you could swap them out, could put
9 the Idyllwild with Beaumont and Banning, but I'd
10 like to see what those visualizations look like
11 when -- if you put a couple of them together.

12 MS. WOODS: Okay. Yeah. So you
13 would be okay with crossing the county border?

14 (No audible response.)

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
16 Parvenu, then Commissioner Blanco.

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Before we
18 completely leave the area, I just looked this up
19 on -- on the Internet here. It says the main
20 focus of Little Saigon is the Balsa Avenue Center
21 where Asian Garden Mall and Little Saigon Plaza
22 are considered the heart, which runs through
23 Westminster.

24 And the boundaries are Trask and
25 McFadden to the north -- or the north and south,

1 and Euclid and Magnolia on east and west.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah,
3 it's pretty small, actually.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Based
6 on those boundaries, that's considerably smaller
7 than what we have up here.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
9 Blanco.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Didn't we
11 also hear from south -- some south Asian merchants
12 and business people when we were in Santa Ana
13 about that they were also -- that they were also
14 in a neighborhood there? Wasn't that in Santa Ana
15 at the Santa Ana meeting?

16 It wasn't just the Vietnamese
17 community. I think we had a -- sort of a large
18 that included a south -- Commissioner
19 Filkins-Webber, is that -- that's your community.
20 Do you know where the south Asian community is
21 there?

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
23 can't remember.

24 MS. WOODS: I -- I think -- I think
25 that was crossing the L.A. border.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:

2 That's Artesia. Yeah.

3 MS. WOODS: And Artesia.

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah,
5 that's where the Little India is up in that area,
6 which crosses the border with La Palma and
7 Cerritos and Artesia.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, we're
9 going to have to move on to the next area.

10 MS. MACDONALD: Leave everything
11 here. Tamina, come on.

12 MR. BROWN: So I'm going to have to
13 leave, but let me just make a comment about what
14 you're about to look at at Monterey County, and
15 that is that I think you all know what the
16 exercise is now.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

18 MR. BROWN: So you should be able
19 to do it even though I'm not here. And I will
20 check all the data and consult with Karin.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I'm
22 sorry, I had one question for you, Mr. Brown,
23 before you leave, and I've been holding it since
24 last night. I'm thinking now I should have asked
25 you yesterday.

1 The -- now I have to remember what
2 it was. The benchmark numbers that were provided
3 to us yesterday by Q2 for the Section 5 counties,
4 did -- and I recall from the information you
5 provided to us in L.A. and some caveats and
6 asterisks provided by Q2 -- does Q2 and Gibson
7 Dunn have consensus on the benchmark numbers for
8 the Section 5 counties?

9 MR. BROWN: For the time being,
10 it's -- my goal is to rely on Q2 for the evidence
11 of what the numbers are. To the extent we observe
12 some minor differences, like if we go online and
13 check the census website, I'll ask her about it
14 and try to get an explanation.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay,
16 so for clarification of the record --

17 MR. BROWN: I believe we have --
18 we're -- we're relying on the same information at
19 this point. But I'm -- my plan is to recheck
20 everything, so.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.
22 So just so we have clarification for the record,
23 the benchmark numbers that we received --
24 Ms. MacDonald. I'm sorry, if I may have your
25 attention for one moment so I can finish this

1 question --

2 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: --

4 and have your confirmation. The benchmark numbers
5 that we had received for the Section 5 counties
6 were based on the data that you provided to this
7 Commission?

8 MS. MACDONALD: The benchmark
9 numbers that we've been referring to in the last
10 two days, absolutely, these are data that we
11 provided. There -- there were some -- we have one
12 data discrepancy, which is in the original report
13 that you got from Gibson Dunn.

14 They were going on the Factfinder.
15 FactFinder has the A.C.S. data on that particular
16 site. There's two FactFinder sites. The
17 FactFinder2 site has the new data on it. The new
18 data are, of course, the one that we're supposed
19 to use, and in fact, we're supposed to use the
20 D.O.J. tabs. So that is again a little bit
21 different.

22 So the only thing that is different
23 usually with these data sources is exactly which
24 variables you pick and from what particular data
25 set, and that is where discrepancies came in.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.
2 Thank you.

3 MR. BROWN: You should -- we should
4 have a footer on all the information that we
5 provided you that says where we believe we got the
6 information from. And several of the pages say we
7 got it from Q2. And if -- if there's another
8 source, my intent is to rely on Q2's data.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
10 Commissioner Yao.

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: On that
12 particular point, can we take an action of cor --
13 correcting the data if it's necessary so that we
14 have one set of data that we can -- we -- we can
15 bank on and not having to recall the fact that we
16 have different numbers based on different sources
17 of information, on and on?

18 MR. BROWN: So I regard what we've
19 been doing the last few days as preliminary and
20 that you should get a more comprehensive set of
21 data for each of the decision points, so you can
22 actually see what the relative benchmark and new
23 district data show.

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay, so the --

25 MR. BROWN: The answer would be

1 yes.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: -- the new data
3 would obsolete the data that was presented to us
4 previously?

5 MR. BROWN: I haven't thought
6 through what -- what form it will take, but I -- I
7 believe that before we're done you should be
8 getting more information from us to confirm the
9 discussions we've been having where we sit here
10 verbally and say that it's not retrogressive.

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: Again, it's not
12 something that we need to do immediately, but
13 before we're all finished, I think it would be
14 really good if we can somehow have -- have a set
15 of data that -- saying this is the set of data
16 that we're using and not --

17 MR. BROWN: I agree with you.

18 COMMISSIONER YAO: -- multiple
19 sources.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'm sure we
21 can accomplish that.

22 MR. BROWN: Absolutely.

23 MS. MACDONALD: We are -- I'm
24 sorry, we are only using one data source and one
25 data set, which is the statewide database. We

1 just had a miscommunication with Mr. Brown's
2 associates when they were putting that package
3 together.

4 And this was at the very beginning
5 of this collaboration when, rather than coming to
6 us and asking for what they needed, they did it
7 themselves and went on FactFinder and they grabbed
8 the wrong data set.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. We
10 will make sure this is all clarified.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Good. Okay. So we
12 could put a Section 5 district on there really
13 quickly while Mr. Brown is still in the room.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You're just
15 going to force him out of the room if you start
16 doing that.

17 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you
19 very much.

20 MS. ALON: Okay, hi, everybody.
21 I'm informed I have like 30 minutes to whip
22 through a lot of material, so just please stop me
23 if you have any questions.

24 So what you're looking at here are
25 the current assembly districts that are touching

1 Monterey County, so this is 8027 and 8028. The
2 benchmark figures are over here on the side.

3 And so this is -- 8027 is the green
4 one, and we're looking at -- this is the deviation
5 and then this is the Latino V.A.P., this is the
6 black V.A.P., and this is the Asian V.A.P. And I
7 have a little legend somewhere that --

8 MS. MACDONALD: She's going to add
9 cities and county boundary --

10 (Inaudible.)

11 MS. MACDONALD: I'm sorry, I'm
12 going to -- and she -- she's going to slow down.
13 And this -- this mapper's name is Tamina Alon.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Would you
15 spell that?

16 MS. MACDONALD: A-l-a-n -- A-l-o-n.
17 I can't spell anymore. I think it's Tamina Alon.

18 MS. ALON: Okay, just please tell
19 me if I'm speaking too fast for you.

20 So what currently this 8027
21 encompasses, as you can see here, is Santa Clara
22 County -- I mean Santa Cruz County and then comes
23 over here and takes a swath of -- this is the
24 Morgan Hill, Gilroy, San Martin area over here,
25 and then comes down and goes through the western

1 part of Monterey.

2 So our benchmark here for Latino
3 C.V.A.P. is 12.49 percent. And so this one really
4 is -- is the lower of the two. When you get over
5 here to this side, we have the rest of Monterey
6 County, including the population along the freeway
7 which we were speaking about before.

8 And we have the entire San Benito
9 County, and then we come up here and take a bit of
10 Santa Clara, kind of the bottom part. We slice of
11 Gilroy at the end down here and move upward. And
12 this has population deviation of .63 percent,
13 negative .64 percent, so we are pretty close.

14 But this is 44.25 percent Latino
15 C.V.A.P., so this is our much higher benchmark for
16 this area.

17 So what I -- I'm going to show you
18 are two different proposals that I have which do
19 not retrogress either side here, because you
20 really have no work with him together. I have
21 done more iterations on them separately, and --
22 but for -- for time considerations, we can
23 probably skip through those.

24 And also, Jamie and I, given your
25 direction that you gave to her the other day, are

1 working on some new ones, too. And so these are
2 not set in stone, but these are two that I have
3 that we can look at quickly.

4 MS. MACDONALD: And Jamie came in
5 here because, of course Jamie has the area, the
6 San Luis Obispo area, so whatever you do up here
7 necessarily affects anything that is in the
8 southern area.

9 There's just -- as I've mentioned
10 before, there's some pivot points in the state,
11 and San Luis Obispo is one of those pivot points.

12 Some of these may not be the
13 prettiest options I was just told because it takes
14 a while to clean them up.

15 MS. ALON: So this is the first one
16 which uses the Monterey County border as a hard
17 line to the south, and you're looking at -- the
18 benchmark is over here in orange, and then the
19 yellow box is what this new district is going to
20 be.

21 So from here we're going from 40 --
22 44.44 is this new light orange area, which just
23 ups the benchmark, which is 44.25. The
24 corresponding district to this one would have --
25 has a benchmark here of -- oh, sorry, the

1 benchmark is on this side where it says
2 benchmark -- of 12.49 and -- I haven't slept much,
3 sorry.

4 And has -- this particular district
5 has a Latino C.V.A.P. of 14.91, and similarly with
6 the black C.V.A.P., we have -- going from 2.76,
7 we're going down a little bit here to 22.71 and
8 6.43 we're moving a little bit down to 6.31.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Would you like to
10 comment on this particular option or --

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, I
12 would.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: In the
15 Santa -- in the -- the coastal region, it -- is
16 that going through Santa Clara County?

17 MS. ALON: Yes, it does. I can
18 zoom in on that area for you.

19 So what this did is it took the
20 entire Santa Cruz County intact and then came over
21 and took Gilroy, San Martin and Morgan Hill.

22 And so the idea behind this area
23 was to reunite these three cities which have
24 expressed that they are a community of interest
25 and we had a lot of testimony on that, and

1 currently they are split apart.

2 But those are the only real parts
3 of Santa Clara County which are included.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is
5 Watsonville on that map?

6 MS. ALON: Sorry, Watsonville is
7 down here. So it is included in the 80 --

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So that's
9 not all of --

10 MS. ALON: The next door. I'm
11 sorry.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- Santa
13 Cruz County, then.

14 MS. ALON: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm
15 sorry. No, you're absolutely right. It's not.

16 These -- this little section over
17 here is carved out, Watsonville and Interlaken.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: This is
19 Commissioner Forbes. I -- I think that it's -- i
20 like the configuration. It keeps the -- the bay
21 in one district.

22 Also, as I recall -- and I don't
23 recall exactly the number, but the leftovers of --
24 in San Luis Obispo were something that would make
25 another -- when added to the coastal district of

1 this, in my recollection, would come close to the
2 right number for an assembly district also.

3 MS. ALON: Yes, and I'll be working
4 with Jamie the entire ride home on making sure
5 that is the -- that is case. But this was
6 developed without her input and so I will be
7 working on those together.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: What I think
9 is nice about this, this fits with what the Sierra
10 Club suggested quite well, I thought.

11 MS. ALON: Okay, and this is the
12 second -- let me pull this over. This is the
13 second iteration that we have here.

14 And similarly, we have an east and
15 west -- east and west split, except this time
16 instead of going north out of Monterey, because
17 we -- as you recall, we had two different sets of
18 C.O.I. testimony, one that said we're from
19 Monterey, we want you to go north into Santa Cruz
20 County, and one that said we're from Monterey and
21 we really don't want to be near Santa Cruz County.
22 We want to go south to San Luis Obispo.

23 And so this was taking into
24 consideration both of these two separate types of
25 testimony. So the western one over here takes

1 western San -- sorry, western Monterey County, all
2 of San Luis Obispo, and then it actually comes
3 down and takes part of Santa Maria, although it
4 could not take all of it. Santa Maria has about
5 99 thousand people.

6 And so it couldn't take it all in,
7 but this was to encompass the C.O.I. testimony
8 which they said that they wanted to go all the way
9 down that far. And so I went as far south as I
10 could.

11 The benchmark over here, again,
12 we're looking at 12.49 percent, and we are going
13 up to 13.31, 2.76 percent is going up to 3.2, and
14 our Asian C.V.A.P. is dropping from 6.43 to 5.12.

15 And population-wise, this fits in
16 with the second district over here, which takes
17 eastern Monterey. Again, this is kind of right
18 along the freeway here. Encompasses all of
19 San Benito County and then goes up into east Santa
20 Clara County and just a tiny bit over here of
21 south Santa Cruz.

22 And I'll zoom in on that one for
23 you.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is the line
25 dividing Monterey from -- that cuts Monterey on

1 the north, is that --

2 MS. ALON: This -- this one right
3 here?

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No, the
5 line --

6 MS. ALON: This line?

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The top of
8 Monterey.

9 MS. ALON: The top of Monterey.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Right there,
11 yeah.

12 MS. ALON: This is a county line
13 right here.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: A county
15 line. Okay. Thank you.

16 MS. ALON: And so this little piece
17 right here is actually Santa Cruz County. Let's
18 go in there.

19 So we have the same kind of
20 configuration of cities over here that we saw last
21 time, a few more, Amnesti and Freedom, Watsonville
22 and Interlaken kind of coming in here. And again,
23 we have Gilroy over here, but this -- in this
24 configuration, we do not keep Gilroy with San
25 Martin and Morgan Hill.

1 And again, that is because if you
2 look at this area, again, we have a much higher
3 benchmark, and the Gilroy -- taking in these two
4 area and taking out some of these other areas
5 dilutes that population to below the benchmark,
6 and so that's the reasoning for that.

7 We also take in a little bit --
8 this is the Alum Rock area right up here and --
9 which has a population that was helpful to the
10 benchmark as well.

11 And so -- oops. It's way too big.

12 And so here are just the numbers,
13 and so for this area over here, again our
14 benchmark is 44.25. And so this goes up to 47.95,
15 so there is a little bit of wiggle room here, not
16 a lot, because the numbers tend to be very
17 concentrated.

18 But there is a little bit if you
19 have comments on this that you want me to try to
20 play it with it some more.

21 The Asian C.V.A.P. we're going to
22 see a drop here that's -- that's about half,
23 though, and so just know that the black C.V.A.P.
24 drops about .1 percent, but then the Asian
25 C.V.A.P. goes from 12.51 to 6.78.

1 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: So
2 my question actually goes to that point about the
3 Asian C.V.A.P., and -- and I understand we won't
4 be able to always increase everywhere. However,
5 it does seem different going, you know, part of a
6 percent versus cutting in half the C.V.A.P. for a
7 specific population.

8 So I'm wondering if you could just
9 talk a little bit about the different things
10 you've tried and some of the issues that you're --
11 you're running into there, because my -- my first
12 inclination would be to provide guidance to try
13 and bring that Asian C.V.A.P. up a little bit, but
14 again, I don't know what constraints you've
15 already faced, whether that is possible.

16 MS. ALON: Sure. And -- and that's
17 a very good question, actually, and where it comes
18 down to is really here in the city of San Jose,
19 and the way that the population tends to break out
20 in this area is that you have Asian pockets and
21 then you have Latino pockets.

22 And so if I pick up more Asian
23 numbers, my Latino numbers drop. And so I'm not
24 only taking away from what this area might be of
25 kind of a higher Asian population district and

1 diluting them by putting them in another district.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Also, I mean, you
3 have two options basically. So you have one
4 option that is pretty close to the benchmark,
5 which was the first -- the first set of
6 visualizations we saw, and then this particular
7 one.

8 I mean, another way to look at this
9 is what you generally prefer and then perhaps give
10 us some guidance on whether you want to improve on
11 one or the other.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
13 Raya, Commissioner Yao, Commissioner Aguirre,
14 Commissioner Ancheta.

15 COMMISSIONER RAYA: My comment on
16 the San Benito district, that side, is that it
17 seemed to me that a lot of the testimony about
18 bringing Gilroy in there and even Morgan Hill and
19 San Martin was a somewhat whirl or agricultural
20 connection in that area, and it seems to me that
21 in this description you've gone pretty far up into
22 an urban area.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
24 Yao.

25 COMMISSIONER YAO: Is it possible

1 to take the -- the 2000 data and reconstruct the
2 benchmark for the Monterey County as compared to
3 having to compare two separate assembly districts
4 in the manner that we've been doing it?

5 I guess the issue is a Section 5
6 Monterey County and -- and -- and the question
7 really is can -- can we -- number one is can we --
8 can we reconstruct the percentage data using
9 the -- the raw population for year 2000 and
10 compare with what we have this time around.

11 And is -- the second question
12 really is a legal question, is: What are we
13 required to do?

14 MS. MACDONALD: Well, we -- we
15 could do that, but the way the benchmark is
16 estimated is basically taking the 2001 lines and
17 looking at them with the current census data. So
18 you use the 2001 lines and you put in the -- the
19 2010 census and that gives you the benchmark.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: If we did it
21 by county, that would be the only place we did it,
22 which might raise a question.

23 Commissioner Aguirre.

24 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes. Did
25 you -- did I hear you mention that you were

1 dipping down into Santa Maria and splitting Santa
2 Maria?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

4 MS. MACDONALD: On this -- on one
5 option, yes; on the other option, no.

6 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, I
7 would argue against that simply because Santa
8 Maria is -- is a heart -- an agricultural
9 heartland and primarily Latino farm workers, and I
10 think that -- that when you look at the San Luis
11 Obispo and the type of industries and economies
12 doesn't really fit with Santa Maria unless you're
13 looking for areas south of La Cuesta grain, so.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
15 Ancheta.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Were there
17 any configurations where the Latino C.V.A.P. could
18 go over 50 percent? Because under the benchmarks,
19 no -- nobody has the ability to elect under the
20 benchmarks, but if -- if it's possible to
21 configure a majority Latino district, you do get
22 the ability to elect.

23 But -- I want to know if you
24 looked -- if you generated any of those.

25 MS. ALON: I tried really hard.

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

2 MS. ALON: The problem is that you
3 have this other one sitting alongside it.

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.

5 MS. ALON: And you can do it, but
6 you would severely retrogress the other side.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.

8 MS. MACDONALD: And we would have
9 to run that by V.R.A. counsel, because --

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

11 MS. MACDONALD: -- under certain
12 circumstances, I understand that that is actually
13 a permissible thing, but --

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.
15 Right.

16 MS. MACDONALD: -- from a mapping
17 perspective and a political scientist's
18 perspective, I would not touch that without having
19 at least one V.R.A. attorney.

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.
21 That's why I'm asking if you -- whether you've
22 done it, because that is something that counsel
23 should look at, but that has been done in other
24 parts of the country.

25 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
2 DiGuilio.

3 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, I understand
4 it has.

5 MS. ALON: Another option that I
6 looked at was to bring this area out and kind of
7 cut into Fresno, but I was talking to Jamie about
8 that, and she was like, "Absolutely not." So just
9 saying, you know, I was just looking at the
10 numbers, and so that is why that is not what I'm
11 showing you.

12 MS. MACDONALD: So --

13 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So just
14 looking -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

15 MS. MACDONALD: I just wanted to
16 say that one of the -- the first option we saw, I
17 understand, has less city splits also, so --
18 because the only city split here is -- what was
19 it? San Jose. Yeah, which has to be split in any
20 event.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
22 DiGuilio.

23 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Just my
24 initial thoughts are it seems like this
25 illustration, this visualization seems to do the

1 least harm.

2 You know, if add up kind of the
3 pluses and minuses on both sides, you get the
4 benefit of the western district, which keeps the
5 bay intact. You still have to split San Jose
6 somewhere at some point, so this could be a way to
7 do it.

8 And in the other visualization, it
9 seemed like we had the -- even though -- let me --
10 sorry. Back up to the other one. The
11 disadvantage was was there was some C.O.I.
12 testimony that linked Monterey to San Luis Obispo.

13 But I think there is also on the
14 inverse side there was a lot of testimony San Luis
15 Obispo not to go up into Monterey, and I -- I
16 think some of those C.O.I. testimony we could
17 debate the veracity of it, but I think even the
18 military link was weaker between Monterey and San
19 Luis Obispo that was being made.

20 So I -- I think in totality it
21 appears to me that this option has more benefits
22 and least harm than the other option, which still
23 have benefits and harm, but this is -- to me it
24 seems like -- I'd like to hear from maybe
25 Commissioner Barabba, who's from this area, and

1 those in the north part as well, too.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would -- I
3 would concur. The -- the other issue with the
4 other one is when you just leave that portion of
5 Santa Cruz County, it then has to go into Santa
6 Clara County and -- or into San Mateo County, and
7 that's not contiguous. There's a giant mountain
8 there.

9 And this way I think from a point
10 of view the topography, this is much more
11 consistent with the topography of the area with
12 some argument about going over to Morgan Hill, but
13 given the population issue, I don't think you have
14 much of a choice.

15 Yes, Commissioner Dai.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, and --
17 and, of course, it's -- Commissioner Barabba also
18 pointed out that it's nice that we were able to
19 keep the Morgan Hill, Gilroy and San Martin area
20 together in that.

21 I'm wondering if you have any
22 comments on how they would feel about, you know,
23 being linked to Santa Cruz versus other areas, but
24 if we want to keep them together, I think there
25 are going to be some hard choices.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would just
2 say that this is so much better than the current
3 districts relative to what's going on. I -- there
4 will be some concern about going over Highway 17,
5 but if that's the -- the only way you can do it, I
6 think that would be understood.

7 Because for Santa Cruz to drop that
8 off, it would have to pick up Watsonville, and
9 then when you pick up Watsonville, every -- all
10 the numbers go kind of bizarre from the point of
11 view of C.V.A.P.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: And then I just
13 wanted to make one mention, I also mentioned this
14 to Jamie, and I know you guys will be working
15 closely together.

16 But there is that little tiny town
17 the cowboy from -- I think it was Parkfield and
18 from Monterey who said that they wanted to go with
19 San Luis Obispo. Just, you know, it's less --
20 fewer than three hundred people, so remember those
21 guys.

22 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, but it's in
23 Monterey?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's in
25 Monterey.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So --

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: Monterey, but
3 they said they went south.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It was
6 like -- it was like three hundred people, so --

7 MS. MACDONALD: But -- but that
8 will count as a county split.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It would be
10 a county split.

11 MS. MACDONALD: And a V.R.A.
12 problem.

13 MS. ALON: We'd still have to not
14 retrogress that area.

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: Oh, are you
16 kidding? Okay.

17 MS. MACDONALD: We'll run it by the
18 V.R.A. counsel if you'd like.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Please.

20 MS. MACDONALD: But -- but it's
21 also -- you -- you have to keep in mind -- I mean,
22 I know some of you are interested in looking at
23 some -- at some of the summary stats in the end
24 just to see how many counties have you split, how
25 many cities have you split, you know, what does

1 this all mean.

2 And, you know, this is -- this
3 is something that newspapers really like to report
4 on, because it's so hard to report on restricting,
5 so.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Is it
7 general consensus that this map is the one we
8 would prefer? Okay.

9 MS. ALON: Okay, we're going to go
10 to senate now.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, we've
12 got about 15 -- ten to 15 minutes.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so we'll go
14 through the senate Section 5 district, the
15 congressional Section 5 district, and then whoever
16 is still here gets to see visualizations from the
17 wrap-up yesterday. And it will be fun. And there
18 will be pineapple.

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Not in this room.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Not in this room,
22 of course, no.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We would
24 not -- we would not eat in this room, of course.
25 For the record.

1 MS. ALON: We are going to senate
2 now, and so very quickly, this is just -- and --
3 and don't get your hopes too high about this,
4 because I'll tell you in a minute why it might be
5 a problem.

6 But I just wanted to show you if we
7 nested those two that you liked before into a
8 senate district, what the stats would be for that.

9 So over here are the benchmarks for
10 all of the Monterey County -- the current
11 districts that we're looking at. And so now
12 we're -- we're interested in these two senate
13 districts.

14 We have Senate District 15 and
15 Senate District 12, which divide Monterey County.
16 Again, we're looking at an east-west split, and so
17 we're really looking at if we're going to kind of
18 put them all together, like we did here, having to
19 deal with a higher benchmark.

20 And so -- actually, no, don't take
21 my legal word for that. Let's ask V.R.A.
22 attorneys about that. But --

23 So here are the numbers here.
24 We're going to a 26.93 percent, whereas over here
25 we have a 15.98 percent for -- for S.D. 15 and a

1 37.64 percent for section -- for S.D. 12. So I
2 just wanted to show you that for you to pick on.

3 Now, that being said, I understand,
4 because I spoke with Jamie, that S.D. 12 and --
5 let me pull up my other one right here. I -- we
6 under -- I understand that S.D. 12 you've already
7 spoken with her, and that part is kind of taken
8 care of and put to bed.

9 And so if that's the case, then we
10 would not be able to nest these two assembly
11 districts into that, but I just want to show it to
12 you anyway so that you -- you know what's going on
13 with that.

14 So let's look a little bit at what
15 could be going on with S.D. 15.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
17 DiGuilio.

18 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Could you
19 just quickly remind me, what -- what did we put to
20 bet? What was our decision with S.D. 12? Not
21 that it's not on the tip of my brain, but it will
22 help.

23 MS. ALON: Okay. So -- sorry.
24 These are what the current districts look like.
25 And as you can see, we have S.D. 12 -- these

1 things like to jump around -- that takes in
2 Merced, which is another one of our Section 5
3 counties.

4 And so when you were dealing with
5 this area, I believe you dipped into this area of
6 Monterey as well when you built that, and that's
7 what Jamie has -- we've discussed.

8 And so this one is actually not a
9 problem for us today. What's a problem for us
10 today is dealing with Senate District 15, which
11 stretches from Santa Clara up here all the way
12 down through part of Santa Barbara County. And so
13 that's what we're going to be looking at, some --
14 some different numbers of.

15 And so that's over here, these
16 benchmarks.

17 MS. MACDONALD: So the benchmark is
18 15.98 percent for Latino C.V.A.P., 2.55 percent
19 for black C.V.A.P., and 8.33 percent for Asian
20 C.V.A.P.

21 Okay, so nesting didn't work so
22 she's going to show you another visualization for
23 what -- what might work. And again, this is based
24 on a decision that you've already made for the
25 other Section 5 area.

1 MS. ALON: And so this -- I'm --
2 I'm sorry. Ignore this thing that says 12 up
3 here.

4 But we have this being 30 -- the --
5 being a 2.64 deviation, so we're a little bit high
6 here, but this is just if you were to balance out
7 according to some C.O.I. testimony what they
8 wanted to see in a -- in a senate district for
9 this area.

10 And so this encompasses more of
11 Santa Barbara down here, and the Latino C.V.A.P.
12 is 15.98 percent, and what we're looking at, the
13 black C.V.A.P. is 2.55 and Asian C.V.A.P. is 8.33.

14 Yeah, I know.

15 And so then we're matching it up
16 against the -- the Latino C.V.A.P. over here,
17 which is 37.64, the black C.V.A.P., which is 4.12,
18 and Asian C.V.A.P., which is 5.27.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: How wide is
20 the line along Monterey Bay there that brings
21 those two sections together?

22 MS. ALON: I'm sorry?

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Of actual
24 land? The line just to the left of the San Benito
25 word.

1 MS. ALON: Oh, this line?

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

3 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, they're just
4 other lines. You can just look at the shaded area
5 is what we're looking at.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, that's
7 my whole point, there's not much land there, is
8 there?

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: But
10 the shaded area is the current S.D. 12; correct?

11 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: 15.

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
13 The numbers are identical, or they were a moment
14 ago, to the numbers that were in this box over
15 here, and it says S.D. 2011 -- or 2001.

16 MS. ALON: Oh, sorry. I'm sorry.
17 This is -- it must have -- I don't know what box
18 it was pulling up. I'm sorry. Let's look at this
19 one, because it says S.D. 15, so I trust that one
20 more.

21 15, so this one is 15.91 to the
22 15.98, and this is just, again, going off the --
23 the C.O.I. testimony to add in those areas and
24 balance this district.

25 So this is basically taking the --

1 the current district that was there and adding
2 population.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So my
4 question becomes: What happens to the
5 corresponding S.D. 12 and what Section 5 issues do
6 we have? Because as we just saw that we -- we
7 took San Benito from Merced, now we've lost the
8 prior S.D. 12, and do we run into a Section 5
9 problem, because where are you going to pick up
10 the other 37.64?

11 MS. ALON: This is another thing
12 that will be on the way home.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Are
14 you telling me that -- that is a problem; right?

15 MS. ALON: Well, it's -- now that
16 we -- we have a decision from you on the S.D. 12
17 side, we can balance -- I can give you
18 visualizations on the other side, but these ones
19 don't -- don't take into consideration that,
20 the -- the decision that you made.

21 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So would
22 you change these visualizations knowing what we've
23 decided for S.D. 12, so you -- you don't have a
24 visual -- visualization yet for us based on the
25 fact that we've agreed on S.D. 12? Or whatever --

1 or the other -- the Merced -- the Merced Section
2 5?

3 MS. ALON: These are taking that
4 into consideration what was initially, but I
5 haven't checked in with Jamie in the past 24 hours
6 to see if there's anything new pushing them, no.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It appears
8 as if that decision to tie San Benito to Merced,
9 which was a -- for that is -- poses a real problem
10 on this side. And it might be worth a revisit, I
11 think.

12 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Could I ask
13 how this affects -- how does it affect -- if you
14 wanted to cut off some of the top of Santa Cruz
15 and then bump it down south into Santa Barbara,
16 fully engulf Santa Barbara -- I'm not sure what
17 the population difference is and what that
18 affects.

19 Of course, this all has ripples,
20 but then what the effect it has for Santa Barbara,
21 San Luis Obispo what we -- what we decided prior
22 with those areas as well.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: This
24 district is starting to look like an upper --
25 upper California district. The distance of this

1 district is -- is really something given the
2 population of those areas around it. That's at
3 least a three- to four-hour drive, if not more.

4 It's a very pretty drive, I would
5 mention that, but --

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well --

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: It's a pretty
8 district.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: It also protects
10 the entire coastline.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It does, but
12 now you're -- but you're -- you're in the middle
13 of Silicon Valley as well.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah. Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So the
16 community of interest there I think is really
17 questionable.

18 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Well, that
19 was a bit of my question, if you took the Silicon
20 Valley interest off, you would have a purely
21 coastal district, right, with probably a good part
22 of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and -- and
23 Monterey.

24 Again, that's still a very long
25 distance, but it's a coastalesque thing without

1 the -- the Silicon Valley.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think
3 we're about to lose three commissioners, because
4 otherwise they're going to miss an airplane. And
5 so I think what you're hearing is there's a lot of
6 concern about this senate district.

7 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. I think --
8 you do have another iteration of it?

9 The other one is also a similar
10 iteration, so what I'm -- what I'm hearing from
11 Tamina here is that she did talk to Jamie about
12 the previous direction that was given about the
13 Merced Section 5, and they do not think that
14 there's too much -- there would be too much of a
15 conflict between the two.

16 You know, this is Section 5. Given
17 the direction that you've given about, you know,
18 we're not supposed to go across the Golden Gate
19 Bridge and, yeah, I -- I hate to talk about the
20 Golden Gate Bridge when we're looking at Monterey,
21 but that is just kind of how the population
22 pushes.

23 Because you do have a lot of
24 geography here that, you know, forms natural
25 boundaries, and this is the coastline and it is

1 Section 5, so you really are extremely limited
2 in -- in what you can do.

3 And based on what I've seen from
4 some of the group plans, that got very creative.
5 Maybe a little bit more creative than -- than this
6 Commission might be willing to investigate with
7 respect to Section 5.

8 So you're -- you're -- it is rather
9 limited, so we can obviously explore, but there's
10 only so much exploration, I believe, possible, so
11 general direction on what you'd absolutely like to
12 not see, if at all possible, might -- might be
13 better. I'm just not sure that we're going to get
14 away from some -- somewhat of a configuration like
15 that.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
17 Blanco.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So not what
19 we don't want to see but maybe coastal as a
20 concept? You know, I mean, if you're going to be
21 spread out and long, more consistent to be
22 coastal.

23 I mean, I'm just -- I'm proposing
24 that, that that might be something we would
25 agree -- it's stretched out either way. Why not

1 have a community of interest which is the coast.

2 I mean, it's -- once you get into
3 these stretches like this, talking about community
4 of interest in general is very difficult. So the
5 closest I can see is a coastal district.

6 COMMISSIONER DIGUILLIO: One parting
7 comment before I go is that if our base is
8 Monterey that what we're trying work around, I'd
9 take a look at what Monterey is, which is -- is
10 more -- which is not a big urban environment.

11 So if you're trying to match up
12 with that, I think your natural inclination would
13 be to go south rather than to go up and pair
14 Monterey with highly urbanized areas.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, but
16 you could also pick up the rest of Santa Cruz and
17 then you wouldn't have to go -- you'd go less
18 further south.

19 MS. MACDONALD: Correct. We can
20 absolutely look in --

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And that's
22 very close to including something called the
23 Monterey Bay.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Could you point
25 that out on the map?

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So I -- I
2 think a direction that says let's see if you could
3 make that more coastal and get up into Santa Cruz
4 Count and then see how far down south you have to
5 go to do that would be an option to consider.

6 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you.
7 Would you like to look at the congressional
8 district very quickly?

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Very
10 quickly, yes.

11 MS. MACDONALD: And then please,
12 after the congressional district, if -- whoever
13 can still stay here --

14 (Inaudible.)

15 MS. MACDONALD: Are we okay?
16 Because there is definitely some questions that
17 she absolutely has to have answered, so before we
18 lose the quorum if we could get a warning.

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah, we still
20 have a quorum. Just keep going as if we have one.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you very
22 much. This will -- you staying will make our work
23 doable, actually, over the next three days.

24 MS. ALON: So this is Congressional
25 District 17 as it currently stands, and as you can

1 see, it has Monterey County, San Benito County,
2 and then comes up and does this bite into Santa
3 Cruz County. And I think it has a tiny bit of
4 Santa Clara in here.

5 And so the iterations that I've
6 done have been pretty much moving north and south
7 with, again, kind of being constrained by the
8 Section 5 areas on the east here.

9 The benchmark for these areas, so
10 now we're done here in C.D. 17, because all of
11 Monterey County is in one congressional district,
12 so we only have to deal with one. So this is 27.7
13 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 3.45 percent black
14 C.V.A.P., and 6.32 percent Asian C.V.A.P.

15 So in this congressional district,
16 we cut out the Santa -- the Santa Cruz areas and
17 went Monterey south. And so we have Monterey, San
18 Luis Obispo County, down the coast of Santa
19 Barbara. And I'll show you which cities are in
20 here.

21 This does not have Santa Maria in
22 it. Again, the 99 thousand was too much
23 population, and so it just comes down -- oops --
24 takes Casmalia and Vandenberg Air Force Base, and
25 this little area here is Vandenberg Village.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
2 Raya.

3 COMMISSIONER RAYA: A question:
4 Does -- does that pick up all the military
5 installations that were talked about in the
6 Salinas testimony? It seemed like Vandenberg was
7 further south. I'm not -- I'm not sure.

8 MS. MACDONALD: Well, Vandenberg
9 was definitely talked about, but also Santa Maria
10 was also talked about.

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Oh, right, but
12 there were other military installations, which are
13 really I think reserve bases now, and I think
14 they're in between -- they're somewhere in San
15 Luis Obispo County --

16 MS. MACDONALD: Correct, there were
17 some in San Luis Obispo and then there's some in
18 Monterey.

19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: So to me
20 that --

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All along
22 Highway 101.

23 COMMISSIONER RAYA: That, you know,
24 addresses some of that -- some where it addresses
25 that concern of all of those being represented.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I had a
2 little --

3 MS. MACDONALD: Would you like to
4 seat northern edge of this --

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

6 MS. MACDONALD: -- before she goes
7 to the next snapshot?

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah.

10 MS. ALON: So this is a clean break
11 of Monterey County line right up here.

12 MS. MACDONALD: So this splits
13 Monterey Bay in half but it's the border of
14 Monterey County.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So again, if
16 you went into Santa Cruz County, you wouldn't have
17 to go so far down south; right?

18 MS. MACDONALD: That's correct.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Question.

20 MS. MACDONALD: That's the next
21 iteration.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, okay.

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Oh, okay.

24 What's the -- what is the population of the
25 portion of the district that is in Santa Barbara

1 County?

2 MS. MACDONALD: Do you want me to
3 select it or do it in my head?

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Either.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Seven thousand,
6 plus 138, plus 3,300, plus 6,500.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: That's not a
8 lot.

9 MS. MACDONALD: So it's -- it's
10 little.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: 17 thousand.

12 MS. MACDONALD: It's not much.
13 Yeah, 17 thousand, something like that.

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And is the
15 Latino C.V.A.P., is it in the green box up there,
16 is that what we're looking at? It looks lower.

17 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, the Latino
18 C.V.A.P. has -- has dropped, actually.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

20 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That's a problem.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, that's a
22 problem.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I think
24 it would go up if you included Santa Cruz County.

25 MS. MACDONALD: So we'll go to the

1 other iteration.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Or Santa
3 Clara if you go into Gilroy.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

5 MS. ALON: So this is, again, going
6 north population-wise, and again, we have, coming
7 from 27.7 going down to 23.79 percent; 345 going
8 to 322 and 632 going to 598. So that's also
9 possibly an issue.

10 So what's in this one is we took --
11 excuse me -- all of Santa Cruz County and then
12 went upward to San Mateo over here. So San Mateo
13 is split and -- but this -- it is split along the
14 freeway, and so we have the coastal communities
15 together here as opposed to more of the inland
16 Silicon Valley areas.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Ancheta.

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So did you
19 try a variation where you picked up, let's say
20 Watsonville and split Santa Cruz, then went up to
21 Gilroy? Did you try that possibility? Well, or
22 just keep going into Santa Clara a little bit
23 to -- to pick up that population, because I think
24 the Latino percentage would -- would go up.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:

1 Versus crossing over into San Mateo?

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I'd
3 actually have to -- I think you'd have to
4 exclude -- maybe exclude the city of Santa Cruz in
5 order to -- because Gilroy is pretty sizeable.
6 I'm lost where -- where's Santa Cruz?

7 MS. MACDONALD: The numbers
8 currently are -- this is a deviation of negative
9 1.84 percent. No, I'm sorry. It's 1,847 people
10 under currently.

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Commissioner
12 Forbes. I think we had -- Scotts Valley went
13 north, as I recall. One of our iterations was
14 part of Silicon Valley at one point in our
15 discussion the other day, so you might want to
16 come all the way back down to -- to Soquel? Is
17 that what that's --

18 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Soquel.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Soquel? And
20 get rid of everything north of that and then go
21 out to Gilroy and see what you got.

22 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, we could --
23 we could explore that. I don't know if you want
24 to wait for that right now or if you could do that
25 as a general direction, because otherwise, we'll

1 be watching the blue thing spin.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Just
3 a general direction to go. Go to the east with
4 Gilroy and deplete the population down through
5 Santa Cruz County, similar to what we did with the
6 assembly districts, as I recall.

7 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would only
9 point out several people have commented about the
10 communication media and how they reach out, and if
11 you're an elected official, your ability to
12 communicate, you cut the -- the communications of
13 several T.V. channels as well as the major
14 newspaper in Santa Cruz in half.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: But
16 did we do that the other day when we discussed the
17 assembly districts?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We -- well,
19 whenever you start cutting through Santa Cruz
20 County beyond Watsonville, you're starting to get
21 into a lot more commonality. I mean, common -- I
22 can understand moving Watsonville into a different
23 district because of the agriculture.

24 But when you start putting Scotts
25 Valley into the Silicon Valley, that -- that's not

1 the place it used to be and it's certainly not
2 like the Silicon Valley. I mean, it's -- there's
3 a lot of technology there, but there's also this
4 thing called Highway 17.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Well, we didn't fix
6 the communication infrastructure, but we did just
7 fix that district by using your suggestions.

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I
9 think the overriding concern is still the numbers,
10 so obviously if we could do that going up into
11 Santa Cruz, we -- I think it would be better, but
12 I don't know if we can given the demographics of
13 that part of Santa Cruz County.

14 So that's why Santa Clara would be
15 the -- the better choice, because we -- we'd have
16 to get the percentage above 27.7.

17 MS. ALON: Soy this is what you
18 were describing, Monterey, and I took San Benito
19 and then went up into Santa Clara County, and
20 actually, we got to 29.26. This is the only one
21 I've been able to do so far to beat the benchmark.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And San
23 Benito has been allocated somewhere else.

24 MS. ALON: Has it?

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I don't

1 know.

2 MS. ALON: No, not for
3 congressional.

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

5 MS. MACDONALD: This is her area,
6 so she would know.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Oh, okay.
8 So San Benito wasn't in the previous one?

9 MS. ALON: No.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Oh.

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Commissioner
12 Forbes again. One thing I would -- as a
13 suggestion is that if you could -- you may have to
14 pull back a little bit from -- from the Santa
15 Clara part and try and see if you could pick up
16 the bay.

17 Don't do it now. So at least once
18 the bay is, you know, is in one -- is in the same
19 district.

20 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. We'll take
21 that as a general direction.

22 Okay, would you -- are you happy
23 with the general direction this is going?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: As long as
25 we have several options there, I'd like to see

1 what the trade-off is for keeping Santa Cruz
2 County whole versus going into Santa Clara and
3 see -- because you got Watsonville in there. I'd
4 like to see what those numbers are.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Well, we -- as long
6 as you're not leaving, we could just do that right
7 now.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. If
9 you could. Is the Commission willing to take a --
10 take a minute or two to take a look at that?

11 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Sure. Yeah.

12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I wanted to
13 leave.

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And I
15 think --

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You gave that as
17 an option, Ms. MacDonald, so I thought --

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And I think
19 San -- the inclusion of San Benito may -- I think
20 it could be very helpful with the numbers, so
21 maybe the --

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, but
23 these pretty much go back to what we talked about
24 with the original. But not the Santa -- that
25 Santa Clara part, all right.

1 MS. ALON: So now we have a
2 deviation -- we're actually 29 thousand people
3 over, and we did drop a little from the benchmark
4 of 27.7 to 25.33.

5 MS. MACDONALD: So we could play
6 with the San Martin and Gilroy area, but that
7 would necessitate cutting some of Santa Cruz
8 probably, unless you wanted to split some of
9 Monterey.

10 So if you want to give us some
11 general direction of which way you would like to
12 go.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I
14 think is the trouble that we run into with the
15 Section 5 and the surrounding communities of
16 Section 5, so despite Commissioner Barabba's
17 obviously familiarity living there for -- forever
18 and the -- the media and maybe some of the C.O.I.,
19 gosh, there -- there has to be some sacrifice for
20 the C.O.I. to pick up the population and not
21 retrogress.

22 So I -- I think if we did do as
23 you -- we had talked about before, kind of pulling
24 back in Santa Cruz and looking at bumping up those
25 numbers into Santa Clara.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Would it be helpful
2 to keep as much of Santa Cruz as possible?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: If you could
4 do what -- what Commissioner Filkins-Webber
5 suggested, the other thing is you might want to
6 see what you can cut off of the bottom of
7 Monterey.

8 MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: There's not
10 a lot of population down there, but I don't think
11 it's very agriculture. There's --

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: But
13 you can't switch -- you can't split the county.

14 MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:
16 Because we're in a Section 5 county, so.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. That
18 we would have -- that's what you would have to do?

19 MS. MACDONALD: Well, you'd create
20 another Section 5 district. And I think you'd
21 probably get a lot of thank-you letters from the
22 Commission in ten years.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think the
24 suggestion, then, to see how much you have to come
25 down from the north of Santa Cruz County but keep

1 as much of the bay covered as you can.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Do you want
3 us to do now or should we explore that?

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Explore
5 that, yes.

6 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA:
8 Commissioner -- okay.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I was just
10 going to ask you, Commissioner Barabba, whether
11 even in Santa Cruz -- where does 17 go? I mean,
12 is there any -- we've been talking about cutting
13 it -- cutting pieces off at the north. Is there
14 ways to slice it -- you know.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The eastern
16 part of Santa Cruz County?

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, the
18 eastern part.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That's --
20 I -- I'd have to think about that a little bit,
21 but there's not much --

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I know,
23 there's not much and I'm -- and that's -- that's

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All that
25 blank area there is nothing but mountains.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah. Yeah,
2 I know that area pretty, you know. Just a thought
3 if we could sort of do something like that and --
4 but then we have --

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: How many --
6 you have to take 24 thousand out, did you say?

7 MS. ALON: 29 thousand.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, so
9 we -- we went to Scotts Valley, Bonny Doon,
10 Lompico, you start getting pretty close, I guess.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Bonnie just read
12 some public testimony off and this is something
13 that somebody else has already mentioned.

14 MS. GLASER: Somebody mentioned
15 Scotts Valley being part of Silicon Valley. That
16 was actually the testimony by the Silicon Valley
17 Leadership Council.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes -- yes,
19 they were. The last time I checked, they were
20 still in the Silicon Valley. Okay. But I think
21 it's -- you know, it's -- it's not going to be
22 easy, but it's something that could be considered,
23 and --

24 But when you see Highway 17 there
25 at -- if you had to make a cut, you would probably

1 go for Scotts Valley, I guess, and argue that
2 it's -- I think we've come down as far as we can
3 to get the population and see what -- what it
4 looks like.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you.
6 Now would you like to see some of the
7 visualizations from yesterday that Tamina worked
8 on --

9 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes.

10 MS. MACDONALD: -- overnight, or
11 should she just give you the -- the hard
12 questions?

13 Let's do some visualizations,
14 please.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We could
16 make a computer game about figuring out which --
17 which district is which designation. They did a
18 good job of --

19 MS. MACDONALD: Jamie's just --
20 Jamie's just showing her how to -- how to make
21 something a little bit easy -- easier, visible on
22 this particular screen.

23 MS. ALON: So this -- these are
24 assembly districts, and the ones that have J here
25 are the ones that Jamie has drawn according to

1 your direction.

2 And so as we discussed yesterday,
3 because I have no Section 2 areas, I get pushed
4 around a lot by the Section 2 areas of everybody
5 else, and because I'm the last one to get
6 direction, I get pushed around by the direction of
7 everybody else. So.

8 So the direction that you clearly
9 gave me was to go and take a look at what
10 C.A.P.A.F.R. had done in San Francisco, and so I
11 uploaded their equivalency files and started --
12 I'm sorry, not their equivalency files, their
13 shape files and started with that.

14 And so these are the two that they
15 drew, and then the first thing I did -- and I'm
16 sorry I didn't get to the second yet, but I'll
17 tell you why. There were two options you gave me.
18 One was just to continue down the peninsula just
19 straight-up looking at population.

20 And the other one was to go down
21 the peninsula and try to take just this coastal
22 area versus kind of more the inland area.

23 And so I tried that first and we
24 really stretched really far south with the inland
25 area, and so what you're looking at now is just

1 looking at basic -- just looking at really coming
2 as close to a zero deviation as I could, just
3 population-wise in between these.

4 Now, the zero deviation did cause a
5 few cities to be split along the different
6 boundaries here, but I tried to keep them as much
7 as possible intact.

8 And so this is coming down and you
9 have kind of the upper peninsula down into Redwood
10 City, and then there is a San Mateo district,
11 which is a little bit further south.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We have to
13 make a commission judgment. We need to take a
14 break, and the question is, do you want to stop
15 now and end it here, or we take a break and come
16 back and spend a little more time?

17 I think our staff has some
18 airplanes to catch, as I recall. So we're going
19 to -- that's the question I have for you. How
20 much time would you need?

21 (Whereupon, a discussion was held
22 off the record.)

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So let's
24 take a -- I mean, really a five-minute break, and
25 then we'll try to wrap everything up at the end of

1 that.

2 (Whereupon, a recess was held
3 from 5:55 p.m. to 6:04 p.m.)

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let her --
5 let her rip.

6 MS. ALON: Okay. Read them all off
7 to you, but I'll tell you what they are. So the
8 top number is the population of this new -- this
9 new district. The second number is the deviation
10 in -- in persons. The third number -- whole
11 persons.

12 The -- the third number is percent
13 deviation. The -- the fourth number is Latino
14 C.V.A.P. The fifth number is black C.V.A.P. And
15 the sixth number is -- sorry. I'm sorry.

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Slowly one more
17 time.

18 MS. ALON: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

20 MS. ALON: The first number is
21 population. The second is deviation. The third
22 is percent deviation. The fourth is Latino
23 C.V.A.P., C-V-A-P. The fifth is black C.V.A.P.,
24 C-V-A-P. And the sixth is Asian C.V.A.P.,
25 C-V-A-P.

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COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:

Without looking at the details, that looks marvelous. With the population deviations. I mean, aside from anything -- I have no idea how close we are right now, whether you followed anything of what we said, but I'm sure you did.

And that -- that -- just, you know, on the -- just general speaking, it looks great. Thank you very much.

MS. MACDONALD: That -- that's the nice thing about looking at it macro rather than micro, because once you start zooming in, it may not be all that attractive anymore.

MS. ALON: Okay, so coming further south, we have the Santa Cruz district here, which takes into account Gilroy, San Martin and Morgan Hill.

And if you remember that this -- these two were your preferred options for the Monterey area that we talked about before, and so this particular map takes into account these two districts. And so this will end here. Hopefully.

So here is kind of the -- the south bay area. This box belongs to this one.

And in here is another area of San

1 Jose, deviation 30.

2 This area here took into
3 consideration the C.O.I. testimony of keeping
4 together Fremont, of course with Newark completely
5 encompassed by Fremont. It does split Fremont a
6 little at the top, but it takes Lopillas and then
7 the Barillessa area, which was discussed earlier.

8 Over here we have Union City and
9 Castro Valley, Ashland and Cherryland.

10 I have to zoom out a little bit for
11 this one. Sorry. This one is our San Ramon
12 Valley. I did take Sunol, but San Ramon, Dublin,
13 Pleasanton, stretching all the way up here to
14 Walnut Creek.

15 For the sake of getting close to
16 the deviation, Walnut Creek is split a little bit,
17 because it just had too many people, but then it
18 also takes La Mirinda in here, according to -- of
19 course, this all according to the C.O.I.
20 testimony.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You couldn't
22 get any closer than three, huh?

23 MS. MACDONALD: We'll be working on
24 that over the weekend, Commissioner Barabba.

25 MS. ALON: Here we have Oakland,

1 Piedmont, San Leandro. Oakland split off a little
2 bit at the top above Piedmont, but in order to
3 give some population up here to the Emeryville,
4 Berkeley, Alameda area, which is going to stretch
5 up to the Carquinez Bridge up here.

6 And it does for population's sake
7 take a little bit of Vallejo in here just because
8 I needed the numbers up there.

9 This district over here takes on
10 this other side of Contra Costa County and from
11 Mountain View all the way over here to Bethel
12 Island, Knightsen, Oakley. Brentwood Discovery
13 Bay and Byron did not make it in here just because
14 of numbers.

15 Moving up north, we have the Marin
16 area over here, which crosses over -- this is
17 where Jamie and I worked together a lot on this,
18 crossing over here so that we could have this
19 Sonoma-Mendocino district that you instructed
20 Jamie on.

21 And then we put Lake Napa and this
22 section over here of Sonoma, again trying to keep
23 more of these wine-growing areas that you had
24 mentioned before together that you expressed
25 wanted to be with Napa and Lake County.

1 Again, this was one that you gave
2 direction on earlier to Jamie.

3 And so where we are now is Jamie
4 and I are stuck in between trying to -- I won't
5 say we're stuck. We are developing many creative
6 options for -- for the places which have
7 population which are not assigned right now.

8 For example, right down here I told
9 you that these parts of Contra Costa County
10 couldn't make it, and I know that it was mentioned
11 that we could move them into San Joaquin, and so
12 that's what I wanted to know is if these are okay
13 to move over that way.

14 We're looking at -- you know, we
15 have 51 thousand here, 13 thousand here, and one
16 thousand over here. And if you had any
17 suggestions or if you had any preferences as to
18 whether to link it south or to just kind of go
19 straight across or -- or to go north.

20 And then we have Solano County.
21 And this part for Yolo County up here, which when
22 you were instructing Jamie, we were kind of
23 speaking of these areas, and so population-wise we
24 don't have a lot going to in Solano County. Well,
25 we have 413 here, but then Yolo is two hundred

1 thousand.

2 And so the question is whether we
3 go up and take some of this and then split Yolo
4 yet again, which we weren't -- we need guidance
5 on, or whether you wanted us to connect these --
6 this Woodland, Davis, Winters area into Sacramento
7 and then connect maybe Solano through this
8 Sacramento Isleton area either over this way or
9 down this way, or any other idea that you have.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
11 Forbes.

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, I -- I
13 mentioned to Jamie that Davis is a bedroom
14 community of Sacramento, so Davis without -- could
15 go into Sacramento just like West Sacramento did.

16 THE REPORTER: I'm having a hard
17 time.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner
19 Forbes, did you hear? Or is he too fast?

20 THE REPORTER: Everyone slow down.
21 I'm like --

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.
23 You're going to have to slow down in those
24 comments.

25 Why don't you repeat it, please.

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. I said
2 that I told Jamie -- this is Commissioner Forbes.
3 I told Jamie that Davis between the University of
4 California Davis and Sacramento, that's where
5 everybody works, and so it functions as -- as a
6 bedroom community.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Slow down.

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: So -- so it
9 would be okay to -- I mean, it would not violate
10 any, you know, great principles to have Davis be
11 considered part of Sacramento, much like West
12 Sacramento is.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank
14 you.

15 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Do we need to
16 take a break?

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let's take a
18 break here. Or not break, but let's take a pause.

19 THE REPORTER: I don't know how
20 much longer I can go on.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Is
22 there --

23 MS. MACDONALD: This is all we --
24 we have for assembly.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I

1 think we need a --

2 MS. MACDONALD: And this, actually,
3 all she's been able to develop over the last --
4 just over the last 24 hours.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, I
6 think we should bring it to an end. Okay?

7 Commissioner Raya.

8 COMMISSIONER RAYA: It's okay if
9 this doesn't get in the transcript, but I just
10 want to salute the women in black.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, she
12 did a really good job.

13 Commissioner Yao.

14 COMMISSIONER YAO: Can we just take
15 another 30 seconds and look at the Silicon Valley
16 to see how --

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I -- I don't
18 think so.

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: No?

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's not
21 going to get recorded.

22 COMMISSIONER YAO: All right.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. So --
24 Commissioner Aguirre.

25 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Just a --

1 just a question about when -- not to put any
2 pressure on you, but it would be good to have some
3 either data files available to us that we could
4 download and look at and perhaps print so that
5 when we meet next week, we will have reviewed the
6 materials or we'll be better prepared for a
7 discussion.

8 MS. MACDONALD: If -- if I may,
9 these -- we will do what we can. We will probably
10 be drawing up until pretty much the very last
11 minute before we come up to Sacramento.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We're going
13 have to bring the meeting to an end. Okay?

14 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. So -- so we
15 will do what we can.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: I think what you
17 have just shown, if you can get us --

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Peter, we
19 have to bring the meeting to an end. Okay? The
20 meeting is now adjourned.

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22 (Whereupon, AT THE HOUR OF
23 6:14 p.m., the proceedings
24 were concluded.)

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